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MASSIVE ₹7,853CR PROJECT TO REDEVELOP ICONIC STADIUM

Sports ministry initiates plan to redevelop Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi under public-private partnership model

TARGET OLYMPICS AND MORE

Sports ministry wants to upgrade the stadium into a facility that can host not just international competitions, but also a venue that could be ready to host Olympics in the near future. The project will be executed with private sector partnership by leveraging the mixed/real estate development available around the sprawling complex | P13

ADDITIONAL SPORTS, EXTRA ZING

- The feasibility study of Ernst & Young suggests to add facilities for basketball, badminton, tennis, swimming, cycling
- There could be new housing complexes to be used as service apartments and sports hostels
- Sports retail shops, food court and recreational centres proposed

102 acres

AREA OF LAND ON WHICH THE STADIUM COMPLEX IS SITUATED

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

K'taka to stay the course despite U-turn by WHO

Though the state has 97% of asymptomatic cases, minister says there will be no change in strategy after world body changes stand

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA, which has officially said that at least 97 per cent of its 3,108 active Covid-19 cases are asymptomatic, will continue with its strategies for tackling the pandemic despite the World Health Organisation now saying that asymptomatic patients can spread the infection. The WHO is facing flak for its flip-flop in the fight against Covid-19, specially after it retracted its earlier observation that asymptomatic patients cannot spread the infection.

The number of Covid-19-positive cases in Karnataka suddenly spiked over the last few days after the influx of migrants from high-prevalence states, including Maharashtra. In many districts, including Udupi, which saw a sudden surge in cases, asymptomatic individuals were sent home from institutional quarantine almost a week before their test results returned positive, thereby increasing the risk of them spreading the virus among members of their families and the community, especially senior citizens.

Admitting that people were sent home before the test results arrived, a Health Department official said they were admitted to hospital after their report came positive, almost a week after they were sent home. This was done based on Central guidelines.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who is at the forefront of Karnataka's fight against the pandemic, however was more cautious. "It is good news that more than 97 per cent of the active cases are asymptomatic. But there is no conclusive evidence that asymptomatic patients don't transmit infection, nor is there any way to differentiate between pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic ones. We must continue to keep vigil," he said.

"The WHO should have concluded the study before making statements, as everyone is already in panic. Their intention may have been good and they may have said it to spread positive vibes, but they should have waited for studies to be concluded on this," he told TNIE.

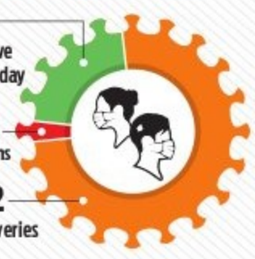
However, Dr Sudhakar and Dr M K Sudharshan, Chairman, Karnataka Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee, felt that the chances of asymptomatic patients spreading the virus are remote. "Let us have trust and confidence in our expertise and faith in our government, let us believe in our local data. Our final decision will be based on this," Dr Sudarshan said.

The minister iterated that despite the WHO flip-flop, the government will continue taking precautions and there will be no change in its disease management strategy, as all aspects have been factored in. P4

YOUR NEWSPAPER IS TOTALLY SAFE

6,041 TOTAL CASES AS ON WEDNESDAY

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE



- **120** Test Positive on Wednesday
- **69** Total Deaths
- **2,862** Total Recoveries so far

FROM ACROSS THE STATE

- Two patients die in Bengaluru Urban, while Dharwad sees one fatality
- Kalyana Karnataka logs 102 recoveries, of the state's total of 257 during the day
- University of Mysore opens Covid-19 cell to address students' grievances

AATMA NIRBHAR ON THE FIELD

A retired serviceman from the armed forces ploughs a lone furrow using traditional farming techniques in his farm in Belagavi on Wednesday | ASHISHKRISHNA H P

Major Generals exchange ideas, more talks lined up on Sino-Indian stand-off

MAYANK SINGH AND PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

A day after Indian and Chinese troops partially retreated along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), bilateral Major General-level talks were held on Wednesday, a senior Army official said.

According to sources, both sides exchanged views, which will be reviewed at a senior level. Wednesday's meeting went on for more than four-and-a-half hours, sources said.

"More meetings are lined up in future, both at the Division Commander and Sector Commander levels, to flesh out specific details and arrive at a de-escalation plan. These meetings will culminate in the Corps Commander-level meeting," sources added.

Meanwhile, the Chinese foreign ministry said that both sides were trying to ease the situation following diplomatic and military talks. "Recently, India and China held effective communication though diplomatic and military channels and reached a positive consensus. The two sides are following this consensus to take actions to ease the situation along the borders," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said.

Indian and Chinese troops have been involved in a stand-off since the intervening night of May 5 and 6 after troops from the People's Liberation Army (PLA) attacked Indian soldiers between Finger 4 and Finger 5 positions near the LAC. The Indian Army retaliated, leading to injuries to large number of personnel from both sides.

Following the escalation of tensions, Corps Commander-level talks were held on June 6. The dialogue was held between Lt General Harinder Singh, commander of the 14 Corps, and Major General Liu Lin, commander of the South Xinjiang Military Region, at Moldo on the Chinese side.

The Chinese foreign ministry last week had said the situation along the LAC was stable and controllable.

RELIEF FOR KIDS

No online classes up to Class 5, says govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

PRIMARY and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar on Wednesday ordered schools to cancel online classes from kindergarten up to Class 5 with immediate effect, and directed them not to collect any additional fees for the virtual classes.

He made the announcement at a virtual press conference on Wednesday evening, following concerns raised by parents and educationists over online classes for children of these classes, and schools charging additional fees for the classes held online due to Covid-19.

Kumar said experts had come to the conclusion that online classes cannot be an alternative to the education being provided to children through direct teaching. "The objective of education is not to complete the syllabus, but to improve the knowledge of children," he said.

The minister also announced that a committee of experts has been constituted to frame guidelines for engaging children of pre-primary and primary schools in the learning process until classes resume.

Several experts had pointed out the ills of online classes for schoolchildren at an age when they need to develop their motor and social skills, rather than screen-based online education.

INS Vikrant hard disk theft case solved, 2 held

TOBY ANTONY @ Kochi

IN a major breakthrough in its probe into last year's theft of computer hardware from Indigenous Aircraft Carrier Vikrant, which is under construction at the Cochin Shipyard, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested two persons on Tuesday night. Dayaram Sinkariya and Sumit Kumar, who were nabbed from Rajasthan and Bihar, would be brought to Kochi soon, said NIA officers.

"We had collected fingerprints of nearly 10,000 people who work or had worked in the shipyard. Over 1,000 were questioned and their mobile networks traced, after which we could identify the suspects. We obtained a search warrant from the NIA Court in Kochi on Monday and three teams were sent to Rajasthan, Gujarat and Bihar," said an officer.

The duo was produced in courts in Rajasthan and Bihar, and transit warrants were obtained. "The recovery of the stolen hardware was carried out. Some equipment are yet to be recovered," said a source.

The two were engaged by a contractor for painting work at the shipyard. "They have been working here since early 2019. They stayed together in Kochi and hatched the conspiracy," the source added.

The theft came to light on September 13, 2019 after the trial run of the IAC's Integrated Platform Management System. Six RAMs of three computers, besides three processors and as many hard disks, all worth ₹2.1 lakh, were stolen.

Initially, the city police investigated the case, which was later handed over to the NIA.

EXPRESS READ

Economy to grow at 9.5% next year: Fitch

New Delhi: After contraction this fiscal, India's economy is forecast to bounce back with a growth rate of 9.5 per cent next year, if it can avoid further deterioration in financial sector health, Fitch Ratings said.

M12

MICROSOFT'S VENTURE FUND 'M12' SETS UP SHOP IN B'LURU

The new facility will look at pursuing investment opportunities in B2B software startups across various IT-related sectors.

P12

Cheque bouncing, loan repayment delays could soon be decriminalised

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TO help businesses tide over financial difficulties caused by the nationwide lockdown, the Centre plans to decriminalise minor economic offences such as cheque bounce and delays in repayment of loans.

To make this happen, as many as 19 pieces of legislation will have to be suitably amended. These include the Negotiable Instruments Act (cheque bounce), SARFAESI Act (repayment of bank loans), LIC Act, PFRDA Act, RBI Act, NHB Act, Banking Regulation Act and Chit Funds Act.

The Finance Ministry has shared its proposal and invited public comments from all stakeholders. Based on the feedback, the Department of Financial Services will take a call on whether a particular section should be modified to decriminalise to improve ease of doing business.

19 laws up for revamp

Negotiable Instruments Act, SARFAESI Act, LIC Act, PFRDA Act, RBI Act, NHB Act, Banking Regulation Act, Chit Funds Act, Insurance Act, and NABARD Act are among the 19 laws that the finance ministry has proposed to amend

Till now, the accused in such small offences faced fine or imprisonment or both depending on the gravity of the charges. With the changes, the Finance Ministry aims to create a system wherein a penalty levied is sufficient to act as a deterrent and will help in "improving business sentiment and unclogging court processes" in the wake of the economic crisis caused due to lockdown.

For instance, under existing law, violating the provisions of the RBI Act, such as inviting deposits without authorisation or avoiding registration, could attract imprisonment plus a fine of up to ₹25 lakh. If these offences are decriminalised, the fine will be be raised but there will be no imprisonment.

The move was already announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat package.

"Criminalising procedural lapses and minor non-compliances increase burden on businesses," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

RS PICK EFFECT

100 Legislative Council hopefuls pop up from BJP's Pandora's box

ASHWINI M SRIPAD & K SHIVA KUMAR @Bengaluru/Mysuru

THESE days there has been a continuous knock, knock at the BJP office. Ever since the Delhi bosses gave tickets to party workers for the Rajya Sabha, stressing on cadres, aspirations seem to be running high for tickets for the Legislative Council polls scheduled for June 29.

Of the 12 seats (seven vacancies and five to be nominated), BJP can get nine, and at least 100 ticket hopefuls seem to have approached the party head office in Bengaluru.

With its surprise decision of giving ticket to party cadres Eranna Kadadi and Ashok Gasti, the BJP seems to have opened a Pandora's box. While this move to reward the grassroot workers has brought them cheer, some biggies like A H Vishwanath and M T B Nagaraj who joined the BJP last year, who were hoping to take the Council route to become ministers, seem to be apprehensive.

Although Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has assured them in this regard, the RS list seems to have come as a shocker to them.

In the Legislative Council, election will be held for seven seats with the term of Naseer Ahmed, Jayamma, M C Venugopal, N S Bose Raju, H M Revanna, T A Saravana, and D U Mallikarjuna ending on June 30. With 117 MLAs, BJP can get four seats (they need 28 MLAs' vote for MLC).

This apart, the State Government can appoint five nominated members, who will also be from the ruling BJP.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, state Tourism Minister and senior BJP member C T Ravi said that at least 100 aspirants had approached the BJP office, seeking ticket for the Upper House.

"We are eligible to get nine seats and after scrutiny, the core committee in the State will decide and send it to the National core committee which will decide on the names," the minister said.

Asked if there will be any disappointment or more unhappy members, Ravi said like for Rajya Sabha, the core committee will select the best and eligible candidates.

Another senior minister on the condition of anonymity said that unlike in 2009, when BJP was in power only in the state, this time the party is in power both at the Centre and in the State.

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C T Ravi, Karnataka Tourism Minister

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ALMANAC TODAY

• **Thursday** 11/06/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Jyeshta • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Shasthi 10.11 pm • **Nakshatra:** Dhanishta 6.03 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00pm • **Gulikakala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 22°C | MAX 26°C

FORECAST

Light showers. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise	5.53 am
Sunset	6.45 pm
Moonrise	11.44 pm
Moonset	10.50 am

EXPERT PANEL FORMED TO STUDY USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

To recommend quality content for children in the wake of uncertainty over reopening of schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AN eleven-member committee of experts has been constituted to recommend quality content to enhance the intellect of children in the background of uncertainty over reopening of schools in July due to the pandemic. They are drawn from the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Azim Premji Foundation, development education experts, representatives of Federation of Private School Managements, Early Childhood Association and officials of the Primary and Secondary Education Department.

The committee will also look into devising a mechanism on how best technology can be utilised in the field of education, keeping in mind that 75 per cent of the children in rural areas have no access to technology. The streaming time of each class will also be considered by the experts. On receiving recommendations from the Committee, the government will take further action, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar said.

The government's decision to nix online classes for LKG/UKG and students of Classes 1 to 5 has come as a huge relief for several parents who have paid additional fees. They are hoping to get reimbursed as the education department has strictly ordered schools not to collect additional fees. The minister termed it as exploitation of parents and children during a time of crisis.

The department has received complaints against 1,000 schools across the state for hiking fees. "So far, 350 schools have reduced the fees and we will take action against the rest," Kumar said.

While the Centre has proposed that schools may be reopened after August 15, Karnataka is unlikely to do so in July as planned earlier, an officer told TNIE. **RELATED STORY ON CE: P3**

> **This is a relief for us since parents are already struggling and some of them have even lost their jobs. It is unfair for schools to hike the fees**
>
> Harini S, a parent

> **If we have to reopen these schools and hostels, we cannot open them at the same time. Since people were kept under quarantine here, these places have to be sanitised**
>
> Social Welfare Department official

Govt to open residential schools; 3 meals for kids

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THE Social Welfare Department is planning to reopen its residential schools and colleges after getting permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs. (MHA) The department says they hit upon the idea as they can provide nutritious food and accommodation to thousands of poor students. They might start schooling earlier than regular schools.

"It's like home. They don't have to commute from one place to another every day. Once they come inside, it is our responsibility. Students, teachers and other staff will stay with them round-the-lock," said an official from the department.

Under the Social Welfare Department, there are 819 residential schools and colleges for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Backward Class rural students across the state. This includes Moraraji Desai, Kittur Rani Chennamma, Ekalavya, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, SC/ST Talented Girls, BR Ambedkar, Indira Gandhi residential schools and Pre University colleges. All these schools and colleges are working under the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society.

Most of the students who enrol at these schools and colleges are economically poor. "They will get food three times a day when they reside with us. At their homes, many of them might not have this luxury. Keeping all this in mind, we will appeal to MHA and get their permission to reopen these schools and colleges with all precautionary measures. We are preparing the Standard Operating Protocol," the official said.

Recently, Deputy CM and Social Welfare Department Minister Govind Karjol said at least 55,000 people are kept in quarantine in the Social Welfare Department hostels and schools. At some schools, students from other states were given lodging. When contacted, Kumar Naik, Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, said they will reopen only when they get clearance from MHA and the State Education Department.

WITH LOVE, FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

Workers set up a floral installation in front of Vidhana Soudha to honour Covid warriors on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

JLR bookings touch a high

In just two days of starting operations, online bookings for Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR), the prime eco-tourism properties of the state government, have soared. According to JLR Managing Director Vijay Sharma: "Guests who had booked before the lockdown rescheduled their bookings for about Rs 2 crore, and we have got fresh bookings for Rs 50 lakh in the past two days. This is the highest bookings any tourism firm has seen so far in the state." It had received bookings worth Rs 44 lakh on Tuesday, the first day of reopening after the lockdown. Most of the bookings were for safari places. **ENS**

BBMP to recover all its properties with expired lease

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will now recover all the properties whose lease has expired. The corporation will also register all its properties with the sub registrar as it has not been done so far, Mayor M Goutham Kumar said on Wednesday.

Speaking to media after a meeting with BBMP officials, he said: "It is shocking that the properties were not registered. Now, they will be registered with the sub-registrar and a PID will be created. We do not know what are the assets of BBMP so far and no one had paid attention to it. Of the 7,906 properties, so far, BBMP has evaluated 324 properties and found that the lease for 159 properties has expired. The officials have been told that all properties should be registered within a month's time."

"A strong room will be created and a special officer will be appointed to ensure that all property documents are digitised, evaluated and their value recalculated. It has also been decided to prepare a list and assess the value of all those properties which have been handed over by Bangalore Development Authority to BBMP," he said.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar said it has been decided to fence all BBMP properties, erect boards on them like parks, playgrounds and vacant lands. "This is the need of the hour to protect them from encroachment," he added.

Blood on their hands! BMRCL cuts 40 trees on the sly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WHILE Bengalureans were busy grappling with the pandemic, the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) on Tuesday chopped about 10 trees near the fire station on Bannerghatta Road, in the quiet of the night. Similarly, on Sunday, they had chopped 30 trees across the same stretch, which has shocked residents and environmentalists alike.

The incident came to light when activist Arun Prasad heard the sound of chainsaws while driving through the stretch. He was shocked to see people chopping trees behind a compound wall. He then informed the Mico Layout Police station who came to the spot and stopped it.

As many as 10 trees were chopped by BMRCL near the fire station on Bannerghatta Road in Bengaluru

What was even more shocking was that the trees were being cut just a day before the High Court was supposed to issue directions to the BBMP in this regard on June 10. Activists had moved the High Court against BBMP for allowing BMRCL to chop 165 trees on the Gottigere-Nagawara line (Reach 6) of Phase II.

Prasad said, "How can the BBMP give a nod to BMRCL without consulting the public? We have been trying to save these trees from a long time."

Tree Expert Committee informed that they had submitted a report to the BBMP forest cell, which states that around 81 trees needed to be felled near the fire station.

BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forest Ranganatha Swamy said, "We had put up a notice recently in May last week and waited for the feedback from public. However, for 15 days, nobody came forward. According to Karnataka Tree Preservation Act if we do not receive any objections within 15 days then we can proceed with it. Only when nobody raised an issue, we went ahead with it."

Harini Raghavan, an environmentalist said, "We had a public consultation meeting a year ago, where were were clearly told no trees will be chopped without public consultation."

Repeated calls to BMRCL went unanswered.

HC halts tree felling for Metro work

Bengaluru: The High Court on Wednesday issued an interim order staying the felling and translocation of trees for Metro rail projects in the city. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice E S Indiresh said no further action should be taken on the order of the tree officer which permitted the felling and translocation of trees. Hearing a PIL filed by Dattatreya T Devare and Bangalore Environment Trust, the bench noted that neither the tree officer nor the special committee constituted to scrutinise the BMRCL's applications for felling and translocation of trees, had applied their minds while taking a decision on the trees along the Metro projects. As the counsel for BMRCL submitted that a number of trees had already been felled or translocated based on a May 21 order, the bench make it clear the BMRCL should take care of the translocated trees for three years. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

11th June: Have you heard about multiverse theory? It's one of the weirdest ideas to come out of modern science. Scientists who believe this theory say that ours is only one of a multitude of universes which occupy the same space. Some even say that every time one of us makes a choice a new universe is born, each with its new set of stars and people, just like us!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Do spare a little time to check out the physical side of things. Your general well-being will be enhanced with just a little attention to diet and exercise. When it comes to relationships you should listen to older or more experienced people, for they might have interesting insights into your own situation.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

The fact that the Moon is moving very rapidly through the zodiac is a very helpful sign. Relations with children should benefit, which means that those of you who have been experiencing family difficulties may now take the necessary initiatives.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

A word for everyone involved in major domestic expenditure, including property deals, is that everything looks basically auspicious. Even possible differences of opinion won't break the basic helpful pattern. In fact, they'll probably help clear the air, giving you a much better perspective on old problems.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Deadlines are looming! This is by no means the final decision time, but you should at least make a number of outstanding choices about what you're going to do and, more importantly, who you do it with. The question 'why' can perhaps be put off until another time!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

A certain business like alignment in your solar chart is set to continue, at least for another few days. One reading says that you should now go all out to get one month's work completed in one day. Another says that you should concentrate on doing the best you can, rather than getting chores finished as quickly as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

The Moon makes a profound emotional impact on your life for the second day running, extending a generally capable and confident period, but also bringing an increasing risk of complacency with every hour that passes! The last thing you want to do is overlook the obvious!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Probably the greatest risks lying in wait for you today involve plots, conspiracies and gossip. Remember that such things are indiscriminate in the damage they cause, and you should squash all rumours as soon as they arise. It's much better to stick to the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Teamwork is now essential, which, of course, could mean spending all day sitting in meetings! At home, you should do your best to delegate chores to any passing friend or relative, spreading the burden as widely as you can. It's about time they did their fair share!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

There is so much going on in the planetary spheres, not in your sign, but in your neighbouring signs, that life must be increasingly complex. Your daily possibilities will be multiplying, so don't expect everything to be clear - at least, not just yet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

You're now entering a new financial phase which will probably last for about four weeks. This is not likely to be easy, but then neither will it be difficult. Even small developments, though, could be significant, and hence worthy of your maximum attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

One rather important question concerns the value you put on close relationships, and the emotional demands you therefore feel able to make on other people. Financial goals should be kept in perspective, for you should judge people by their human qualities, not by their wealth.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

There are a number of issues to consider now. One is that while other people are prepared to be generous, they will expect something in return, perhaps more than you are prepared to give. You may have to be telepathic if you are to work out exactly what partners want!

THE PHANTOM

A QUICK DEATH, FOR WE LLONGO ARE MERCIFUL! BUT DEATH IT IS! BY OUR QUEEN'S COMMAND."
YOUR QUEEN WANTS THESE GUIDES TO STOP BRINGING DESTRUCTIVE MEN ONTO LLONGO LAND..."
OUR QUEEN WOULD WANT US TO BE WITH YOU, PHANTOM!"
WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT WITHOUT BLOODSHED!"
FRIENDS, ARE YOU WITH ME?"
Falk

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?
SARGE SAID HE'D CALL YOU WHEN HE NEEDED TO BE PICKED UP
I'M TRYING TO FIND A SPOT WITH NO CELLPHONE SERVICE

BLONDIE

TOMORROW I'M CATERING AN ANNIVERSARY MEAL FOR SOME OLD FRIENDS WHO HAVE MET FOR DINNER EVERY FRIDAY FOR 25 YEARS IN A ROW
THAT'S AMAZING! THEY MUST HAVE A LOT OF MEMORIES TO LAUGH ABOUT
OH, THEY HAVEN'T SPOKEN FOR YEARS
BUT THEY DO LOVE TO EAT

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

	4		3			9		
3			4		8			2
7	9	8		5	2			
	6		2					7
	8		7	6	1		2	
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8			9		6			4
		9			4		5	

EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzles

2	9	6	7	8	3	4	1	5
4	8	5	2	1	6	7	9	3
3	7	1	9	4	5	8	6	2
6	4	8	5	3	9	1	2	7
9	3	2	1	7	8	6	5	4
1	5	7	6	2	4	9	3	8
5	1	3	8	6	7	2	4	9
8	6	4	3	9	2	5	7	1
7	2	9	4	5	1	3	8	6

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CEFEN

NUHDO

PCROEP

BDLAEB

I'm going to deal you some great cards.
Shuffle them better than last time.
I'm ready!
THE CARDS DEALT TO THE BRIDGE PLAYERS WERE SHUFFLED ---

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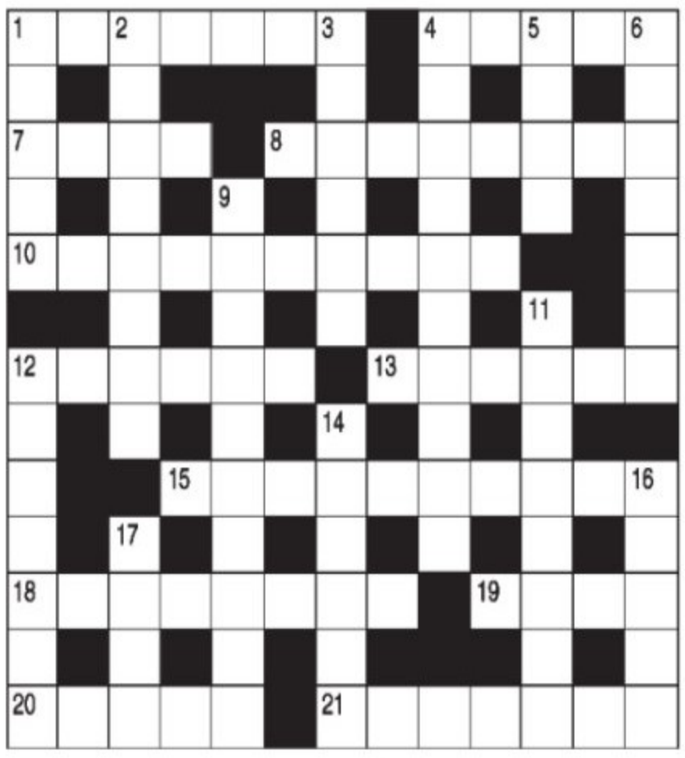
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HAIRY HUMAN DRAGON CUTEST
Answer: The zeros got together and did — NOTHING MUCH

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Metal machine operators in the States perhaps (7)
4 She makes two points about Western democracy (5)
7 Privately owned pit? (4)
8 This artist draws pictures on his knees (8)
10 For sleeping partners? (6,4)
12 Put down a whisky (6)
13 Minister is to eat about six (6)
15 I'm sorry he doesn't show regret (10)
18 Transport for nothing in Hamburg perhaps (8)
19 Very keen to make a comeback as a singer (4)
20 The trouble with one hundred is moral (5)
21 Add more solids to kitchen stew (7)

DOWN

1 Possibly amend given title (5)
2 Magician to hoodwink member of a panel (8)
3 To hush an upset baby is rather mean (6)
4 Sort of simple diet it's dangerous to exceed (5,5)
5 Soaks up food (4)
6 Important individual rendered powerless (7)
9 Bad spelling (5,5)
11 A short verse on the Shannon river (8)
12 Out of control blaze is of some magnitude (7)
14 Inflexible student of form? (6)
16 Aim to exercise (5)
17 High-class sort of shop (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Seasickness, 9 Rations, 10 Usurp, 11 Goya, 12 Caboodle, 14 Darken, 16 Mirror, 18 Informer, 19 Mean, 22 Trace, 23 Inutile, 24 Index finger.

Down: 2 Entry, 3 Snow, 4 Casual, 5 Neurotic, 6 Sounder, 7 Drug addicts, 8 Appearances, 13 Reprieve, 15 Refrain, 17 Relief, 20 Exile, 21 Ruin.

Congress leader and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has accused the BJP of indulging in cheap politics by not permitting a function where DK Shivakumar will take over as KPCC president

COUNCIL POLLS

3 seats up for grabs, hectic lobbying in Oppn

Rajeev Gowda, Naseer Ahmed among Congress frontrunners; Kupendra Reddy, Saravana in JDS probables' list

Supporters celebrate 'victory' of leaders

Bengaluru: The supporters of JDS patriarch HD Deve Gowda, Congressman Mallikarjun Kharge, Ashok Gasti and Eranna Kadadi (BJP) have started celebrations, with the Assembly putting up a note saying their applications were in order. The formal announcement that they were elected unopposed is scheduled to be made at 3pm Friday. The RS polls, scheduled for June 19, will not be necessary. Independent candidate Sangamesh Chickanaragund's affidavit was rejected as he filed it in the old format. Chief Electoral Officer Sanjiv Kumar said scrutiny was over. With this, the new list of 12 RS members comprises Jairam Ramesh, Rahman Khan, Oscar Fernandes, L Hanumanthaiah, Dr Syed Naseer Hussain (all Congress), Rajeev Chandrashekar, K C Ramamurthy, Nirmala Sitharaman (all BJP), in addition to these four.

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WITH anxiety over the Rajya Sabha elections out of the way, and less than three weeks left for the Council elections, hectic lobbying has started in the Congress and JDS -- while the Congress gets two seats, the JDS gets only one seat.

The Council retirees on the nominated list are Congress members Thippanna Kemakanur, K Abdul Jabbar, Dr Jayamma Ramachandra, Iqbal Ahmed Saradagi and Ivan D'Souza, while the retirees on the elected list are Naseer Ahmed (Congress), M C Venugopal (Congress), Jayamma (Congress), HM Revanna (Congress), NS Boseraj (Congress), TA Saravana (JDS), DU Mallikarjuna (Independent but close to BS Yediyurappa).

Among the frontrunners in the Congress are former

The Congress, with 68 seats, can elect only two members, while JDS, with 34 seats, can elect only one | EXPRESS

minister Naseer Ahmed and Boseraj, who are among the retirees, former minister MR Seetharam and Rajya Sabha retiree Professor MV Rajeev Gowda.

The JDS names doing the rounds are Kupendra Reddy, a Rajya Sabha retiree who will not be renominated to the RS, TA Saravana and city president R Prakash. Many heavyweights in the JDS who lost the Assembly elections narrowly, are also queuing up to be considered.

In all, there are 12 vacancies -- seven elected and five nominated. All the nominated positions will go to the BJP, which is in power. The Congress and JDS are fighting for just three positions. Since there are seven vacancies, and the strength of the House is 223, including the nominated member, each aspirant will need 29 votes to get elected.

The Congress, with 68 seats, can elect only two members, while JDS, with 34 seats, can elect only one.

The BJP has enough votes for four seats. There is hectic lobbying for these seats, and as one BJP aspirant told *The New Indian Express*, "I don't want to be nominated among the five, I want to fight the election and win."

Candidates to be finalised by Friday

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"ALSO, the party leadership too has changed at the national level. By choosing two ordinary party workers for the RS ticket, the party leaders have sent a strong message. This has given some boost to the party workers to approach the State office. Even within the party, many senior BJP leaders are insisting that tickets be given to old-timers," the minister said.

BJP MLC Ravi Kumar said they are expected to finalise the candidates by June 12 and the central leaders will clear the names by June 18. BJP divisional convener Y V Ravishankar said that the focus on grassroots has boosted the morale of many partymen who had dreamt of nomination to the Council, boards and corporations.

MILES AND MILES TO GO

A couple leaves for their hometown in North Karnataka from Majestic Bus Station in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHRIRAM BN

Cong demands SIT probe into threat call to Kharge

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THREE days after senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge and his son and Chittapur MLA Priyank Kharge allegedly received threat phone calls, the party has demanded that a special investigation team (SIT) probe the matter. KPCC president-designate DK Shivakumar took to Twitter to demand that the State Government take the matter seriously and set up a special team to investigate it.

"The threat calls made to Sri Mallikarjun Kharge and Priyank Kharge is a serious security matter and should not be taken lightly by the government. I urge CM of Karnataka & Home Minister to set up a special investigation team immediately to catch the culprits (sic)," he tweeted.

Priyank Kharge had lodged a complaint with Karnataka DG&IGP Praveen Sood alleging that he and his father had received threat calls from anonymous callers on Sunday on their residential landline as well as mobile phones.

Meanwhile, former minister Malikaiah Guttedar who was with state BJP chief Nalin Kumar Kateel at a party workers' meet at Sedam, said, "Kharge might have filed the complaint just to get an escort vehicle. When he (Kharge) was a minister and the leader of opposition, he enjoyed the privileges to the hilt. After getting elected to the Rajya Sabha, he will get an official vehicle from the government, but not an escort. But this complaint may help him get an escort."

DKS accuses BJP of hijacking his virtual streaming idea

Two months ago, I had announced that I would take charge at a virtual live streaming event, but had to put it off thrice

D K Shivakumar, KPCC leader

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A DAY after the State government denied permission for a virtual 'taking charge' ceremony, citing MHA guidelines, KPCC president-designate DK Shivakumar accused the BJP of hijacking his idea of a mass virtual live streaming event. Tearing into Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Shivakumar asked how the BJP's virtual rallies, addressed by Amit Shah in Bihar and West Bengal, were not a violation of MHA guidelines.

"Two months ago, I had announced that I would take charge at a virtual live streaming event, but had to put it off thrice. The Chief Minister, despite giving me an oral assurance that permission would be given, has now rejected my request. It is shameful that on the same day that I had sought permission, BJP national president JP Nadda is holding a digital event where state BJP leaders will be present," Shivakumar said, pointing to the alleged double standards of the BJP in scuttling a Congress event.

Saying that he is contemplating a legal appeal against the government for rejecting his request, Shivakumar insisted that he would hold the event whenever the State gives permission.

Yatra after MLC polls

The state-wide yatra that DK Shivakumar has vowed to undertake, is likely to be launched after the Karnataka Legislative Council elections.

Shivakumar told reporters at the Congress headquarters on Queen's Road that the "apolitical event" will begin after the MLC elections. Given the prohibitions on political, social and religious events, Shivakumar insisted that it was a non-partisan, apolitical initiative to understand the difficulties people are facing during the Covid-19 pandemic.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Original Possession Certificate dated 20/03/1995 No.DDUTTL.P.C.No.123, issued by D Devaraj Urs Truck Terminals Ltd., in favour of Sri.N.P.Unnikrishnan in respect of the property No.D-100, situated at 2nd Stage, Industrial Town, Yeshwanthapur, Bangalore now 8th Main Road DD TT Ltd., BBMP Khatha No.100, PID No.11-69-100 Bangalore, Ward No.11, Peenya Industrial Area coming under the BBMP measuring East to West 13.25 mtrs and North to South 04.00 mtrs in all measuring 53.00 sq mtrs has been lost in transit.

Any person/s, have found the same may return it to the undersigned or any objections relating to the above may contact the below ***within SEVEN DAYS*** from the date of this notice.

Sd/-

C.P. SAJEEV AND JAISRI S. KRISHNAN, ADVOCATES
No. 34 & 35, 1st Floor, 8th Main, 13th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
Ph. No. 9845200930, & 9880748335

Hubli-Dharwad Urban Development Authority, Navanagar, Hubli
Ref No : HDUDA/e-Auction/01/2020-21/341 Date : 09/06/2020

e-Auction Notification

e-Auction of Corner Sites in Raynal & Sattur Layouts Developed by HDUDA

1) Date of opening for e-Auction and Commencement of living bidding starts on **11-06-2020** @ 4 pm IST
2) Last Date of Registration for e-bidding is **26-06-2020** @ 4 pm IST
3) Last Date and time for closing e-Auction **30-06-2020** @ 4 pm IST (5 Minutes of Delts time)

For additional conditions, rules and information visit Web site https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- (Nagesh P Kalaburgi) Chairman Hubli-Dharwad Urban Development Authority, Navanagar, Hubli

Sd/- (Ningappa H Kummannanavar) Commissioner Hubli-Dharwad Urban Development Authority, Navanagar, Hubli

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby brought to the notice of the general public that I myself intend to purchase the schedule property from the owner **Smt. Anitha. C,** W/o. Mohan Babu who represented that, she is the absolute owner in actual, physical possession of the same. Hence, the general public are hereby called upon that if any person/s have any sort of objections for the said sale transactions may notify the under signed within **7 (Seven) Days** from the date of publication of this public notice with documentary proof, thereafter it will be presumed that there are no claims of any sort and proceed with the purchase of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property Bearing Site No. 58 **Situated in Co-Operative Housing Federation Layout - 4th Phase Lying in Sy. No. 41 and 77 of Chunchanakuppe Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** within BMRDA Limits, Measuring East to West : 9.14mtrs, North to South : 6.10 Mtrs in all totally measuring 600.14 Sq.Ft. bounded on the :

East by : Road
West by : Site No. 93
North by : Site No. 59
South by : Site No. 57

AJ. PURUSHOTHAM
53, 3rd Main, RR Residency, Ullal, BANGALORE - 560091

NEW MANGALORE PORT TRUST
Civil Engineering Department, Panambur, Mangalore - 575 010.

NIT No. CIVIL/CE(C)/EE(C)/09/2020-21 Date : 27.05.2020

TENDER NOTICE
(Through E-Procurement only)

E-Tender is invited through https://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app of CPP portal from the reputed Contractor fulfilling the Minimum Eligibility Criteria stipulated in this notice in two cover bidding procedure for the work of "POST MONSOON MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT NEW MANGALORE PORT FOR THE YEAR 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23" E-tender ID : NMPT/2020_NMPT_560784_1. Estimated Amount **Rs. 112,14,01,548/-** E.M.D **Rs. 1,44,12,600/-**

The detailed NIT and tender document is displayed in NMPT website - **www.newmangaloreport.gov.in, https://www.eprocure. gov.in/eprocure/app and https://tenders.gov.in** Amendments to the tender (if any) will be issued through above web sites only.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Civil)

Union Bank Of India,
Bannerghatta Road Branch,
138 & 139/1, ICE-Queen's Amber Building, GR. Floor, Arekere- Mico Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076
Tel No's. 080-22959647, 22959610

POSSESSION NOTICE
{RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002}
(for immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank Of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated **03.02.2020** calling upon the borrower **Shri/ M/s Vipin Kumar,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 6,54,948.5** (Six Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Eight and Fifty paise) within sixty days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **4th day of June of the year 2020.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Andhra Bank** for the amounts due from the borrower(s) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1. All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Land and Building - Residential admeasuring approximately 1200 Sq.ft situated at All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Housing Property Bearing House List No. 90 & 91, Khatha No. 594/553/90&91, Situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Measuring East To West 30 Feet and North To South 40 Feet and Bounded By East: Site No 82-83, West: Road, North: Site No. 92, South: Site No. 89

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 04.06.2020

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer, Union Bank of India

Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways Through
Government of Karnataka
Public Works, Ports & Inland water transport Department,
(NATIONAL HIGHWAYS)
Office of the Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Vishweshwarnagar, Hubballi.
Tele/Fax: 0836-2357420 & 0836-2357577 Email: eenhd_hbl@rediffmail.com

No/EE/NHD/HBL/Junction Impr Hubli/NIT/2020-21/ 264 Dated : 08.06.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Hubballi on behalf of the Chief Engineer, N.H. Bangalore invites bids from eligible bidders for the following project on Single stage Two cover system through the website **www.eprocure.gov.in** on EPC mode.

State	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Cr.)	EMD Declaration	Completion period	Maintenance period
Karnataka	Construction of Elevated Corridor from Km 135.650 to 136.450 on NH 63, from Km 249.00 to 250.050 on NH4 and from km 193.800 to 193.350 on NH 218 for Decongestion of traffic at Rani Chennamma Circle in Hubli City / Taluk in the state of Karnataka on EPC mode.	**230.90** (Including GST)	Bid Security declaration has to be submitted as per Appendix-II of RFP	36 (Months)	10 Years

Date & Time of start of sale of Tender documents (through online) : 15.06.2020 at 11:00 Hrs
Date & Time of close of sale of Tender documents (through online) : 31.07.2020 up to 16:30 Hrs
Last Date & Time for Receipt of Pre-bid queries : 06.07.2020 up to 11:00 Hrs
Date of Pre-bid meeting : 07.07.2020 at 15:30 Hrs
Last Date & Time of submission of bids (hard copy) : 04.08.2020 up to 16:00 Hrs
Date & Time of opening of Technical Bids : 04.08.2020 at 16:30 Hrs

The bidders shall also submit a copy of Online Receipt of payment made through web site www.bharatkosh.gov.in towards payment of cost of bid document of Rs.20,000=00 (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) and 18% GST Rs. 3600=00 (Rs. Three Thousand Six Hundred only) Total Rs. 23600=00 (Rupees Twenty Three Thousand and Six Hundred only) to ("Regional Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Bangalore payable at Bangalore). Special attention may be paid to select PAO Code 034807-PAO(NH) Bangalore, under that select RO civil Bangalore DDO Code 234809 — Superintending Engineer, Online Receipts of tender document fee shall be uploaded compulsory in the e-portal.

Original Bid Security declaration has to be submitted as per Appendix-II of RFP along with other Annexures are to be uploaded in e-portal during uploading the tender documents and along with the Technical Bid uploaded documents (Except Financial Bid) has to be submitted to the Office of Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Hubli after the last date for submission of tender and before opening of the Technical Bid.

The details work qualification certificate and detailed notification / conditions & e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to website https://eprocure.gov.in. Please note that the Chief Engineer, National Highways, Bangalore reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the BIDs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DIPR/DWD/114/2020-21/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Sd/- Executive Engineer, National Highway Division Hubballi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the public that our client Mr GOVINDRAJULU. K and his wife RASHMI J.M, both residing at No 72/B, 3rd main road, near Bangalore Tiffanys, Gururaghavendra nagar, JP Nagar 7th phase, Bangalore-560078, are the sole and absolute owner of property bearing BDA residential property bearing No 398, which property is more particularly mentioned in the schedule below had lost the following original documents in respect of the said schedule property.

a. Possession and Khata certificate issued by BDA dt 14/6/1988 & 5/7/1988
b. Conditional deed of sale dated 4.11.1988, Registered as document bearing No.126 to 130, of book I, page 227-228/1988-89, No 2896 in the office of the sub registrar, Basavanagudi
c. GPA dated 16.6.1993, registered as document bearing No SF 117vol, of 4th book , page No 61-63, No 146 of year 1993-94, in the office of the sub registrar, Basavanagudi
d. Agreement of sale dated 12.4.2002, registered in Ist book at page No 223-227/2002-03, No 215, registered at sub registrar, Basavana gudi.
e. Absolute sale deed dated 18.9.2003, registered as document BNG(U) B.G.S R/D No-3578/2003-04 at 1st book containg 12 pages, registered at sub registrar, Basavana gudi.

The above said original documents were lost on 14.02.2019 and police complaint has also been filed.

Any person/s having custody or possession of the above said original documents may kindly hand over to the undersigned, or having any claim over the schedule property, may submit their claim, in writing , along with the copies of documents relied upon to support such claim, to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this Publication , failing which it will be presumed and treated that there are no claims over the said property and the certified copies duly obtained from the jurisdictional sub registrar office shall be treated as original deeds henceforth.

Schedule property

All that piece and parcel of immovable being a residential property bearing No 398, formed by BDA in Banashankari 3rd stage, Avalahalli, Bangalore measuring East to west 9.2 Mts, north to South 14+13.98/2, and totally measuring about 128.70 Sq Mtrs & bounded by

East by : property bearing No.397
West by : property bearing No.399
North by : road
South by : property bearing No.377

K.S. ANIL, ADVOCATE
PB. No 1931, GAVIPURAM PO, BANGALORE-560019, M: 8951715207, EMAIL: ksanil826@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTH INDIAN Bank

The South Indian Bank Ltd., Regional Office: BANGALORE
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Notice issued in terms of Section 13(8) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 read with 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

To

1) **Sri V Raghavendra Naidu,**
Proprietor of Diana Instant Foods,
No. 1050, 18/1, 5th Main,
Gokula 1st Stage, II Phase,
Behind Triveni Road,
Near Papamma Kalyana Mantapa,
Mathikere, Bangalore - 560054.
Also at :
63/1, 6th Main, Taluk Bund Road,
Mathikere, Bangalore - 560054.
Also at :
No. 6, 5th Cross, Brundavan Nagar,
80'Main Road, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560054.

2) **Smt. B R Manjula,**
W/o. V Raghavendra Naidu,
63/1, 6th Main, Taluk Bund Road,
Mathikere, Bangalore - 560054.
Also at :
No. 6, 5th Cross, Brundavan Nagar,
80' Main Road,
Mathikere, Bangalore - 560054.

As you are aware, the Authorised Officer of the Bank have taken physical possession of the asset described in the Schedule annexed hereto, in terms of Section 13(4) of the subject Act on 10.03.2020, in connection with the outstanding dues payable by you to Bangalore Cantonment branches of the Bank. The amount due from you to the Bank is Rs.1,33,64,914.53 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen and fifty three paise only) as on 07.06.2020 with further interest and costs thereon. We have filed O.A 134/2010 before the Hon'ble DRT, Bangalore & further dues are calculated based on O.A claim.

AND WHEREAS, the borrower/ guarantors has failed to pay the amount due to the bank even after taking possession of the schedule property, notice is hereby given that the immovable property will be sold by inviting tenders/ by public auction/ by Private Treaty on expiry of 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice. The Authorised Officer has obtained Expert Valuation Report from an Approved Valuer, who is registered as a valuer under Section 34AB of the Wealth Tax Act, 1957. The undersigned has fixed the Reserve Price at Rs.62,69,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand only), which is confirmed by the Secured Creditor.

The date and time of auction shall be informed through a separate sale notice as mentioned in the SARFAESI Act, and the properties would be sold to the person who offers the highest bid amount as to the property.

Hence, in terms of the provisions of the subject Act and the Rules made there under, this notice is issued to you to enable you to discharge the amount due to the bank before the publication of sale notice mentioned supra. In the alternative, if you are having a better offer for the Scheduled property, you may also bring in purchasers for the same on or before the date fixed for sale.

This is without prejudice to the right of the Authorised Officer to fix the date of sale without any further notice and/ or any other rights available to the bank under the subject Act or any other law in force.

SCHEDULE

Land admeasuring 880 sq.ft. with house property bearing Municipal No. 464/B situated at 3rd Main Road, 1st B Cross, Mathikere Layout, Bangalore, Ward No. 4 of BMP, bounded North by K Channaiah's property, South by Dasthagiri's property, East by Site No. 3 and West by Road, together with all improvements thereon owned by Sri Raghavendra Naidu vide Sale Deed No. 3209/2006-07 dated 25.08.2006 of SRO Rajajinagar and Rectification Deed No. 3214/2006-07 dated 08.09.2006 of SRO Rajajinagar.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 08.06.2020

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER

Karnataka Bank Ltd.
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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **17.01.2020** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors guarantors **(1) Krishna S/o Sri.Anke Gowda (2) Mrs. Sunanda M W/o Mr. Krishna, Both are residing at: C/o Mrs. Sharadamma, No.19/9, Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Maruthinagar, Sonnenahalli Post, Bengaluru-560060, both also at: Mudigere Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District-562160** to repay an total amount mentioned in the notice being **₹ 3,44,994.00 [Rupees Three Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Four Only]** under **TL A/c No.9027001600030301** along with future interest from **22.12.2019** within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on the **05th day of June - 2020.**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Kengeri Satellite Town Branch, Bengaluru** for an amount of **₹3,66,267.00** under **PSTL A/c No.9027001600030301** along with future interest from **25.05.2020** plus costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that Piece & parcel of Residential Property with land measuring 1967 sqft together with building constructed thereon bearing Kaneshumari No.116/71, E-Khatha No.152900102100300110 situated at Mudigere Village, Maluru Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District. Boundaries of Property: East by: Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:**Private Property, **South by:** Private Property.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 05.06.2020

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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Medical Education Minister Dr Sudhakar tweeted that as on May 31, there were 3,182 asymptomatic cases and the spread of these cases was 344, which is 0.11%. While symptomatic cases were 353, the spread was 503, making it 1.42%.

257 NEW RECOVERIES

2,862 TOTAL RECOVERED

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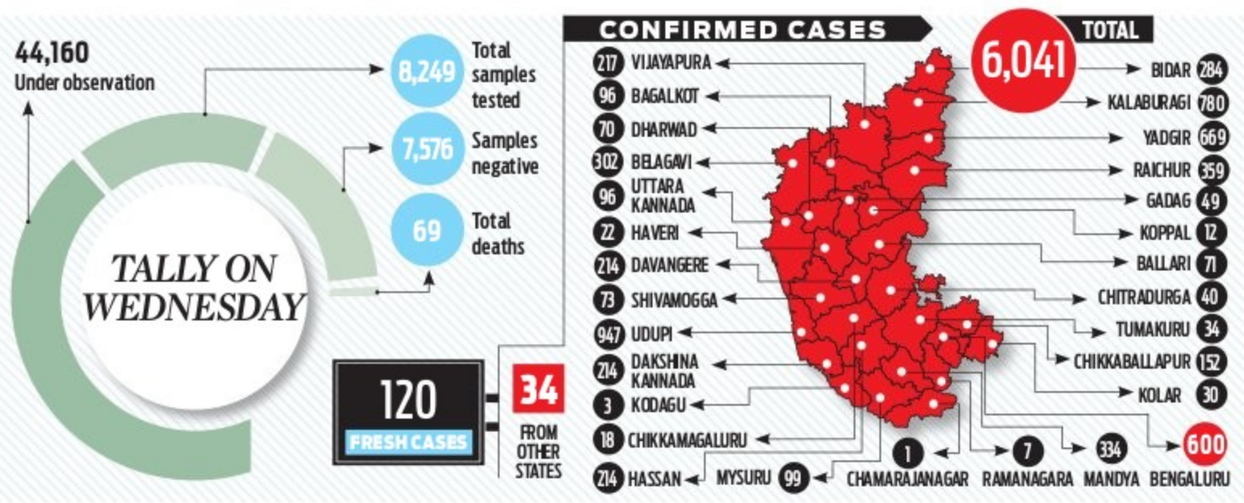
104 Arogya Sahayavani will function too



FACES FLAK

State goes back on testing dead with SARI, ILI

Samples to be taken within 6 hrs of death; If positive, all close contacts to be categorised primary contacts

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AFTER coming under severe criticism for choosing not to test suspected deaths for Covid-19, where patients had symptoms of Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) and Influenza Like Illness (ILI), the state backtracked on its testing policy on Wednesday.

The Health and Family Welfare Department issued a statement saying that Karnataka will continue to conduct Covid test for the deceased with a history of ILI or SARI symptoms and swab samples will be taken within six hours of death.

"If the test result returns positive for Covid, all close contacts will be categorised as primary contacts. The state is committed to test more and control the transmission of coronavirus," the department said while issuing an order to this effect.

The decision not to test the deceased with symptoms was taken two days ago, although the technical advisory committee had not recommended it. The government took a call after a video-conference with the central government and Union Health Ministry officials, who advised state officials not to take swabs of the dead patients with SARI and ILI symptoms. There were no guidelines from the Indian Council of Medical Research ICMR too and Karnataka was testing the dead of its own volition till two days ago.

In the last 10 days, there has been a spike in corona deaths, with some cases returning positive after the death. Experts said that testing the dead is important as actions that follow it, including contact tracing, testing and quarantining of the deceased's contacts are crucial.

There have been 66 deaths in the state so far, of which 19 are from Bengaluru alone. The death audit committee has attributed late reporting by patients, lack of intimation from private hospitals about suspected cases to government authorities, age and comorbidities as the major causes for corona deaths in Karnataka.

6,000-mark crossed, B'luru tops list with 42 cases

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EVER since the inter-state travel started a few weeks ago, North Karnataka districts were reporting a high number of Covid-19 cases, but on Wednesday, it was Bengaluru Urban that recorded the highest number of 42 positives of the total 120 cases. With this, the state crossed the 6,000-mark, recording 6,041 cases. Also, with three deaths, the toll went up to 69.

Of the total cases in Bengaluru, 22 were of Influenza Like Illness, others were contacts of previous patients, six returnees from Maharashtra, one each from Tamil Nadu and Haryana, one from Kuwait and contact tracing of two is on.

But Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare Pankaj Kumar Pandey said, "If more ILI cases are coming in early and are being checked, then it is definitely a good thing. We are also engaged in tracing more SARI and ILI cases, as early treatment of these cases is important."

On increase in cases from Bengaluru, he said, "As the lockdown is lifted, we can definitely expect cases to go up. But the economy needed to be considered as well. It will help us if people coming from other states follow all the quarantine norms, and consult a doctor immediately if they develop symptoms."

Bengaluru reported two deaths. A 32-year-old man was brought dead to a designated hospital on June 10 and was tested positive. In another case, a 57-year-old man, diagnosed with ILI and complaining of fever and cough, was admitted on June 8 and died the same day. The test returned positive later.

In Dharwad, a 58-year-old patient, who had returned from Maharashtra, was admitted on May 23 and died on June 9.

Yadgir reported 27 positive cases and Vijayapura 13 -- all returnees from Maharashtra. Kalaburgi recorded 11 positive cases, Bidar five cases, Dharwad and Dakshina Kannada four cases each, Ballari and Davanagere three cases each, and Ramanagara two cases.

Children of migrant workers from UP wear colourful face masks while being screened by health workers, at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHRIRAM BN

Three months on, only 63 out of 1,500 ventilators received by state

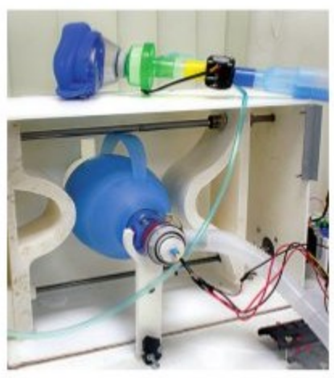
RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

IN March, the state government ordered 1,500 ventilators from different sources to fight the Covid-19 pandemic effectively. But three months later, it has received only 63 ventilators.

Of the total, 1,300 ventilators were to be procured from the central government-run Hindustan Latex Ltd, 130 from a Mysuru-based company, Skanray Technologies, and 70 from other local manufacturers.

Manjushree, Additional Director, Karnataka State Drug Logistics and Warehousing Society, said, "None of the 1,300 ventilators ordered from central government have arrived yet. We have received 35 out of 130 ventilators from Skanray and 28 out of 70 from other local manufacturers. In all, we have 63 ventilators now."

She said, "A total of 200 Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) machines too were ordered from a French company, Sefam, in May. Of them, 94 have been received." BiPAP performs a similar function as a ventilator, but is non-invasive and does not include a tube. Oxygen is pumped in by placing the device over a person's nose and mouth.



Previously, *The New Indian Express* had reported that 15 ventilators ordered by the state government had to be sent back because they were found to be tampered with, broken and received with old stands.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar told *The New Indian Express*, "I am not aware of what has been ordered by the health department. But 80 per cent of the ventilators ordered by the Medical Education Department have arrived at all medical colleges and hospitals. The entire world is ordering ventilators and there could be a scarcity. We have upgraded all our hospitals with high-flow oxygen. Realistically, not even 5 per cent of the existing ventilators are being used by Covid patients. So, it is not an issue."

Minister for Health Sriramulu was not reachable for comment.

COVID WATCH

B'luru Covid patient ends life

Bengaluru: A 40-year-old Covid-positive patient jumped to death from underpass flyover in Chandra Layout on Monday evening. The identity of the deceased is yet to be ascertained, and the body has been shifted to Victoria Hospital. A senior police officer said that he was roaming around the underpass and was seen screaming at passersby. At around 6pm, he went climbed the underpass and jumped. Auto drivers in the area alerted the police. It is suspected that he might have been in home quarantine and may have been depressed. ENS

University of Mysore sets up Covid cell

Mysore: The University of Mysore has established a special Covid-19 cell to look into the grievances of students with regard to examinations and other academic activities. The 100-year-old varsity took the decision after the lockdown was implemented. The task force, comprising a senior medical officer, professors from the microbiology, biochemistry and other life science departments and counsellors, will monitor and address the concerns of students. ENS

Hennur head constable tests positive

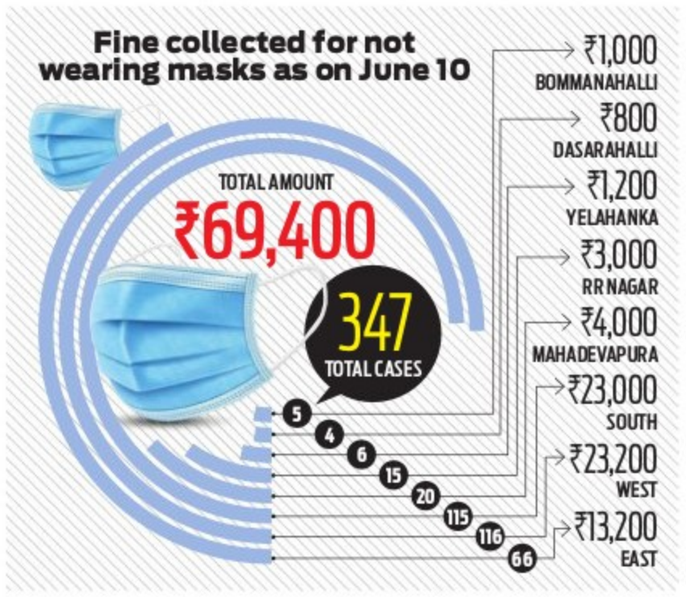
Bengaluru: A head constable at Hennur police station in Bengaluru tested positive for Covid-19 on Wednesday. The station was sanitised in the morning and may be sealed. Officials are in the process of identifying his contacts. Around 10 police officers have already been quarantined. ENS

Fine for no mask, says BBMP; Not fine, say docs

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WHILE the state government has made it mandatory for everyone to wear masks, and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the police are penalising those seen without them, doctors say it is not necessary unless one is in a public space. In fact, several instances of people driving without masks and being fined are being reported in the city.

Doctors are posting messages on social media to bust the myth that one needs to wear masks round-the-clock, and educating the masses on the hazards of being covered up all day. They say that wearing a mask for long can lead to a drop in oxygen levels in the blood, and can even cause heart attacks. While they admit that there have been no studies to prove this, they say many patients have complained of uneasiness from wearing masks for long hours.



Dr Manish Mattoo, zonal director, Fortis Hospitals, said wearing a mask is debatable. "A lot about the subject is unknown because this is a new territory. Masks only minimise the risk of catching an infection. People are advised to wear masks when they are in public, but those who are facing discomfort should not wear them, and should not venture out," he said.

Talking about how "no logic" has been used by the government in penalising those without masks, Dr Ravi Mehta, a well-known physician, said, "No one should wear N-95 masks. Homemade cloth masks should be used as they can be re-used and do not cause breathing difficulty. The government has made it mandatory for everyone to wear them, but those penalising people have not understood when people should wear masks and when they shouldn't. There is a need to sensitise officials and citizens."

District Health Officer Dr Srinivas told *TNIE* that talks are being held with other departments to not penalise those who are alone and without masks, as it is not required. He says officials will be made aware of this.

COVID COUTURE

A salesman at a factory outlet near Wilson Garden, Bengaluru, dresses manequins in PPE kits, on Wednesday

Staggered entry for Maha returnees into Udupi: DC

ENS @ Udupi

AS Covid-19 cases are seeing a spike in Udupi, the district administration has decided to control the influx of people from Maharashtra by making the deputy commissioner's prior approval mandatory for them. This is to avoid the rush which makes monitoring of home quarantined people difficult and the returnees will be allowed in a staggered manner.

Udupi DC G Jagadish said on Wednesday that those coming from other states, except Maharashtra, will get instant approval once they apply via Seva Sindhu. But those coming from Maharashtra will have to wait till he approves their applications. A schedule has already been drawn up and according to that, 160 applications will be approved on June 11, 131 on June 12, 76 on June 13 and 96 on June 14. Once they enter the district, they have to arrive at the district receiving centres (DRCs) in respective taluks and get their forearms stamped with the home quarantine seal.

The DC said that six DRCs have been opened in Udupi, Karkala, Kundapur, Brahmavara and Kaup and staff will be deputed 24/7. He also has the authority to shift anybody to an institutional quarantine centre from home quarantine if need be.

Throat swab samples of Maharashtra returnees will be taken within five days of their home quarantine. Samples of pregnant women, children below 10 years of age, senior citizens and those with symptoms will be taken immediately, he said.

POOR FACILITIES

Quarantine centre or a jail, ask Kalaburagi inmates

We are not even allowed to sit on the stairs outside the hostel as officials always keep the doors shut. There are four people in each room using a common toilet. What if we get infected by using the common toilet? Inmates at a quarantine centre

Md Saleem and Abdul Rasheed show the seals on their hands while at a quarantine centre in Kalaburagi district, on Wednesday | EXPRESS

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI
@Kalaburagi

"THIS quarantine centre has turned into a jail for us," lamented brothers Md Saleem and Abdul Rasheed, who are spending seven days of institutional quarantine after returning from Mumbai at the Post-Matric Hostel for Boys on the Ring Road in Kalaburagi.

Run by the Minorities Welfare Department, this hostel is one of the 13 Covid quarantine centres in Kalaburagi taluk.

When *TNIE* did a reality check of some of the institutional quarantine centres at Kalaburagi and Chittapur on Wednesday, the Kalaburagi centre did look like an actual jail as compared to the Chittapur unit, which was somewhat better.

The brothers, who hail from MSK Mill Colony of Kalaburagi, said, "We are electricians and were living in Mumbai. As our family members were in Kalaburagi, whom we had not met for several months, we came here on June 6. Our friends had told us that Karnataka had withdrawn institutional quarantine. But when we came in Udyan Express at the Kalaburagi station, the police picked all the passengers and told us that we have to be in quarantine centres for a few days. Now, officials are telling us that we have to be here for seven days," they said.

"We are not even allowed to sit on the stairs outside the hostel as officials always keep the doors shut. There are four people in each room using a common toilet. What if we get infected by using the common toilet? Who will take the responsibility? Sanitation is also poor and the rooms are swept once in two days," they complained. In all, 67 people are quarantined here.

The quarantine centre at Adarsha Vidyalaya in Chittapur is little better. The quarantined people are allowed to stroll in the open air within the premises. The three-storeyed building has 29 rooms, but all the rooms don't have a toilet facility. In all, 307 people have been quarantined here after returning from Maharashtra.

An inmate, Chandru, said, "Eight to nine people share each room. As all the people belong to the same family, we are not facing serious problems."

Official sources said that 87 Institutional quarantine centres with 2,831 inmates are functioning in the district (13 in Kalaburagi taluk, 29 in Aland, eight in Afzalpur, two in Jewargi, five in Yadrami, four in Kamalapur, three in Kalagi, 12 in Sedam, two in Chittapur, five in Chincholi and four in Shahabad).

A total of 40,332 people have completed their quarantine, while 37,501 were discharged, officials said.

Water supply will be disrupted between 6am and 6pm on Thursday in East and South zones: JP Nagar, HSR Layout, BTM Layout Madiwala, Jayanagar, BHEL Layout, NAL Layout, Koramangala, Bellandur, Jakkasandra, and surrounding areas.

Cyber crime shoots up in lockdown, over 2K cases reported till April

Data leaks are a threat to information security; police struggle to catch culprits

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

THE first two months of the lockdown saw a sharp spike in cyber crime, with a majority of them directed at elderly people and single women. According to City Crime Records Bureau data, March and April together saw 1,308 cyber crime cases with a jump in bank fraud and scams in which people impersonating government officials trick people into transferring money for welfare schemes or a government-run relief fund.

"Cyber attackers pretending to be bank officials make calls (vishing) or send emails or SMSes (phishing) to customers, asking them for their account numbers, credit or debit card numbers, CVV, OTP etc," a cyber crime police officer said.

From January to April, police registered 2,103 cases. Figures for May have not yet been released. "Six of every 10 cases we see are related to senior citizens," the officer said.

Although banks do warn customers against revealing account information, an expert points out another serious problem. "No one really wonders what happens before a transaction reaches the OTP stage. Where did the criminal get card and CVV numbers?" said Nagendra Rao, former bank official and bank-related cyber fraud expert.

A cyber crime police officer who also wished to remain anonymous agreed. "Data leak is a big issue. We have found that staff of private mobile network providers, hospitals, insurance companies, banks, online platforms, etc, have all sold data. With most services now being outsourced, it is very easy to access data and the risk of that being sold is very high," he claimed.

The officer said that in several cases, elderly people who had been swindled, used their debit cards only at ATMs. "They don't even know how to do online transactions, but their cards were used in a distant part of the country. It's likely that card numbers and CVV were leaked from banks, but banks are focussed on the OTP alone. Efforts to solve such crimes and reduce them should start from the root cause, which is the leaking of card data," he explained.

COMMON METHODS OF TARGETTING

Major types of crimes	Jan	Feb	March	April
Debit/credit card frauds (vishing)	87	141	347	202
Job fraud	8	27	41	9
Card skimming	47	56	83	19
Gifts and loan offers	49	102	209	38
Social media cases	23	35	57	52
Other advance fee scams	10	8	12	7
Business opportunity fraud	3	15	11	4
Total	305	490	878	430

Investigation

While strengthening information security can help prevent crime, once an offence has occurred, police struggle to catch up.

"Despite the creation of CEN stations with about 40 officers each, it's not enough. A bunch of tech-savvy boys sit in remote districts of Jharkhand, UP, etc, making it difficult to track them." he said.

However, Nagendra said banks can adopt simple measures to reduce scams. For instance, linking OTPs to specific transaction, rather than making them valid for a certain time period. A OTP should be valid only for a specific amount and for a specific merchant.

No Indian institute in top 100 of QS varsity rankings

PEARL MARIAD'SOUZA @Bengaluru

NONE of the Indian institutes made it to the top 100 of the QS World University Rankings 2021, released on Wednesday, as they slipped a few notches as compared to last year.

Among the Indian institutes, IIT-Bombay, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, and IIT-Delhi stood at first, second and third places.

The institutes were ranked based on academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty-student ratio, citations per faculty, international faculty and international students.

Indian institutes were strongly impacted by poor scores in international faculty and international student parameters. For a score of 100, IIT Bombay got a mere 18.2 and 6.9 for the two verticals respectively, while IISc Bengaluru secured 1.4 and 1.6 and IIT-Delhi 2.3 and 1.5.

Majority of the top 20 institutes saw an overall decline in their global rankings. Of the 21 Indian institutes that made it to the top 1,000 globally, just three universities showed an improvement in rankings -- IIT Guwahati (global rank 470), OP Jindal Global University (651), and Savitribai Phule Pune University (Global rank 651). IIT Hyderabad (global rank 601) made its debut on the top 1000 this year.

HOW INDIA FARES

INSTITUTE	POSITION
IIT Bombay	172
IISc	185
IIT Delhi	193
IIT Madras	275
IIT-Kharagpur	314
IIT Kanpur	350
IIT Roorkee	383
IIT Guwahati	470
University of Delhi	501
IIT Hyderabad	651

The IISc has been on a downward trend since 2016 (except for 2019 when it ranked 170). IISc Director Anurag Kumar could not be reached.

UGC vice-chairman Bhushan Patwardhan attributed the drop in rankings of Indian institutes to the quality of education and research. He told TNIE, "We need to focus on quality and relevance over quantity and degrees. Even the central government's centre of excellence initiative did not salvage the institutes in the ranking. A more detailed study is needed to know what happened to centres of excellence."

CRIME PATROL

ACB RAIDS 4 GOVT OFFICIALS

The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) raided 14 places belonging to four government officials across the state on Wednesday and conducted search and seizure operations. The office and residences of L Satish Kumar, Additional Commissioner of Commercial Tax, Bengaluru, N Ramakrishna, Range Forest Officer of Srinivasapura range in Kolar, Gopashetty Mallikarjuna, Executive Engineer in District Urban Development Cell in Raichur DC office, and Raghappa Lalappa Lamani, Assistant Engineer of Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Ltd in Bagalkote, have been raided.ENS

STUDENT ASSAULTS WOMAN, TWO ARRESTED

College students Babith (21) and Rahul (24) have been arrested for allegedly attacking Sushmita (name changed), an engineering student, in Chikkabanawara on June 7. Sushmita is in ICU in a private hospital. Police said Sushmita had been in a relationship Babith for four years and they recently broke up. She had been seeing Rahul for the past two months. When Babith learned of this, he went to Rahul's house and they argued. Rahul abused her and she left with Babith. Later she and Babith argued and he allegedly assaulted her with a helmet.ENS

MAN MOLESTS RLY CLEANER

Railway Police on Wednesday arrested a railway employee accused of molesting a 23-year-old cleaning staffer on a Shramik train, at Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Station on Saturday. The accused, Sridhar (28), was working as a helper. The police obtained CCTV footage and nabbed Sridhar in his house. ENS

Leopard photo creates panic at Banashankari

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

A fake social media post which stated that a leopard was moving around at Banashankari in the city created panic among local residents.

A photograph of a leopard wandering on the road in the dark, with the caption 'leopard moving in Banashankari' was shared on social media on Tuesday night, leaving people in a tizzy. However, forest officials clarified that the photo had been taken in Tumakuru last month.

As a leopard had been sighted in Peenya during lockdown recently, the proximity of Banashankari to Bannerghatta National Park added to the concerns of the local residents.

"Peafowl, mongoose and gray hornbill have been sighted in Bengaluru, during the lockdown. A leopard was also said to be wandering around Peenya, and it is frightening," said Padma P, a resident.

Anthony Mariyappa, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Urban, urged people not to spread such rumours. He said people often get confused between the pug marks of leopards and stray dogs.

Many campaigns have been carried out to create awareness. Forest officials are urging people to inform forest officials in case of sightings.

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Regional Plat Resource Centre, Bhubaneswar invites applications for filling of positions of Research Fellows (SRF/JRF/Field Asst./Project Asst.) under different State Plan & RKVY funded research projects (2020-21) to be implement at this Centre. Details on research projects, eligible criteria, emolument etc. can be downloaded from RPRC website (www.rprcbbsr.in) or collected from the office of the RPRC. Interested/eligible candidates may submit the duly filled downloaded application form along with self-attested copies of mark sheets and certificates by post or, submit in the drop box of the Institute directly addressing to "The Chief Executive, Regional Plant Resource Centre, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751015 on or before **30th June, 2020 by 5.30 PM.**

Sd/- Chief Executive

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TRICHY (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS, CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.02/2020-21/ SDO /Dated:05.06.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu percentage tender will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle **Trichy for Package No.1 to 17 under Upgradation of Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads / 2020-21 works** in respect of **Trichy (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division** upto **14.00 hours on 15.07.2020** through online only.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 18.06.2020 onwards** in the Government website **http://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

DIPR/2178/TENDER/2020 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, TRICHY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **Smt.K. SOWMYA,** W/o. Sri. K.Narasimha Rao, have negotiated to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. UMAPATHY. R** S/o. Late. D. Ranganathan, Represented by his GPA Holder **Smt. V. KALPANA DEVEI,** W/o. Sri. B. Vasudevan R/at.No. H19, Palaami Road, New Natham Road, Near Ramakrishna Math Narayanapuram, Madurai, Tamil Nadu-625014, His family members, financial institutions and the public are hereby notified that if anybody has any objections, claims, charges, lien etc., if any in respect of the schedule property may lodge their objections with documentary proof relied upon with the undersigned **within Seven (7) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, my client proceeds to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE residential Vacant **Site bearing Plot No. 140, Old Khatha No. 2473, PID No. 150200200600 303656,** formed in the layout called and known as **"TRANQUIL ARC (SMILEE ANANDAVANA PHASE – III)"**, in converted Land bearing **Sy. No. 142,143/1,2,3,4,5,6,7,144/1,2,3,145/1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 146/2, 179/1,2,3, 180, 181/1,2, 182/1,2, 183, 184/1,2, 185, 186/1,2, 187/1,5,6,7,8,9, 189, 190,191/1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,195/1,2,3, 197/1,2,3A,3B,4, 198/1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,199/1,2, 12/1 and 12/22** Totally measuring to an extent of **42 Acres and 10.4 Guntas,** situated at **ADDEVISHWANATHAPURA VILLAGE,** Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore.**East to West: 15.24 Mts or 50 Feet.,** North to South: **24.39 Mts or 80 Feet.,** measuring 371.70 Square Mts or 4000 Square feet., **Site Bounded on : East by:** 12 Meter Wide Layout Road; **West by:** Plot No.139; **North by:** 12 Meter wide Layout Road; **South by:** 3 Meter Path way.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 05/2020-2021/SDO/Dt.08.06.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender through online only** will be received **upto 15.07.2020, 15.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle** for **Packages No.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7** in respect of **Chengalpattu (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division** under Upgradation of Panchyat Union roads and Panchayat Roads to ODR Standards.

Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 18.06.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes/Corrections/ Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.

DIPR/2179/TENDER/2020 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU-1

DOCUMENT LOST

I Accidently lost Original Possession Certificate No. PC/831-19-20 dated 11.05.2020 belongs to the property Khatha No. 634/92/826 of the original Property registered No. 1354/2011-12 has been lost while Travel from Market to Sunkadakatte at Badrayalli, Sunkadakatte Town jurisdication. Inspite of best efforts to search. it could not be traced. If found or claim contact **9945665671** or Badrayalli Police Station within 7 days.

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(LOST OF DOCUMENTS)

This is to inform the General public that I **Basavaraju,** S/o.Muddagangappa,has lost/ misplaced the

1)Original Sale Deed registered as **Document No.1471 6/2002-03,** Book-1,Stored in C.D.No.106, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore, in respect of **Sy.No.18/6-**measuring 1 Acre 15 Guntas

2)Original Sale Deed registered as **Document No.277/1967-68,** Book-1, **in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore,** in respect of **Sy.No.18/7-** measuring 13 Guntas, **Sy.No.18/8-**measuring 22 Guntas, **Sy.No.18/9-** measuring 34 Guntas, **Sy.No.18/10-**measuring16 Guntas

3)Original Sale Deed registered as **Document No.46598/2004-05,** Book-1, Stored in C.D.No. KEND192, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore, in respect of **Sy.No.18/7-** measuring 5 Guntas, **Sy.No.18/7B-**measuring 8 Guntas, **Sy.No.18/8-** measuring 20 Guntas

4)Original Sale Deed registered as **Document No.46588/2004-05,** Book-1, Stored in C.D.No.192, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar,Kengeri, Bangalore, in respect of **Sy. No.18/10-**measuring 7 Guntas, **Sy.No.18/9-**measuring 30 Guntas,

5)Original Gift Deed registered as **Document No.23897/2003-04,** Book-1, Stored in C.D.No.150, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore, in respect of **Sy.No.18/6-**measuring 1 Acre 15 Guntas,

All the above Sy. Nos. Properties are Situated at **K.Gollahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.**

If any one finds the said Original Sale Deed they may kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address. Failing which i treat the certified copy of the said document as original and objections received thereafter is not binding me.

Basavaraju R/at.Maralu Siddappa Building, Maramma Temple Rd, Ganigarapaly,Thalagattapura, Bangalore South-560062. Mob:9900115578

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my client **MUJAHID PASHA,** is intending to purchase the property bearing No.1D-B/1, Presently BBMP New Municipal No.1D/B1, situated at Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore, Old Ward No.94, New Ward No.32 of BBMP, measuring E-W: 40 ft, N-S: 56, totally 2240 Sq.ft & bounded on the: East by: Private Property, West by: Sri. Badigappa's Property, North by: Doddaramanna's Property, South by: Kacharkanahalli Road, from its owner: **Mr. YASEER ARAFAT** coupled with his sale agreement holders: **Mr. MOHAMMED ISMAIL & Mr. MOHAMMED YOUSUF PASHA. AND** property bearing No.1-4-A/1, Presently BBMP New Khata No.815, situated at Nagawara Main Road, Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore, Old Ward No.94, New Ward No.32 of BBMP, measuring 2450 Sq.ft & bounded on the: East by: Property of H. Munirajappa, West by: Nagawara Main Road, North by: Property of Doddaramanna, South by: Kacharkanahalli Road, from its owner: **Mr. HABIBULLA SHARIFF** coupled with his sale agreement holders: **Mr. SYED TANVIR & Mr. RAMESH.M.**

Any person/s claiming an interest in the aforesaid or any part thereof by way of any document of conveyance, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to my client at address i.e., No.76, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Chamarajapet, Mysore Road, Bangalore – 560 018, within 15 days from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

Mr. MUJAHID PASHA, Mob: 9972465896, C/o "SAMARA ASSOCIATES" Mob: 8553333724.

Sd/- KALEEM BAIG B.Sc, LLB.,
SAMARA ENTERPRISES
#492, Anand Complex, 1st Floor, P & T Colony, Nagawara Main Road, Bangalore - 560 045, Mob: 9845770617

RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY
Vidya Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751022
TENDER NOTICE

Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar invites sealed tenders from the manufacturers / authorised distributors or dealers / suppliers / firms with TIN/PAN/GSTIN/IT clearance for supply of consumable (PacBio whole genome sequencing and analysis of fungal sample) under "two bid system" for the DBT sponsored project (BT/PR23412/BPA/118/284/2017). Tender papers with specification of the item for the project can be obtained from Rama Devi Women's University website **www.rdwuniversity.nic.in.** The tender should reach to Dr. Raj Kumar Joshi, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology, Rama Devi Women's University,Vidya Vihar, Bhoi Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751022 by **30.06.2020** through speed post / registered post / by hand. The authority reserves the right to accept / cancel any tender(s) without any reason thereof.

Sd/- Chairperson, PG Council

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED
e-Procurement TENDER NOTICE

The Transmission Corporation of A.P Limited invites bids online for the following works.

Sl.No 1. Specification No.NCB-09/2020. Name of work: Procurement, Supply, Erection, Installation and commissioning of 220KV features at 132/33KV SS Piduguralla and Erection of 220KV LIVO of VTS-Tallapalli circuits 3&4 to the proposed 220KV features at Piduguralla 132/33KV SS and connected Bays in Guntur, District of Andhra Pradesh on turnkey basis. Date & time of availability of tenders on **e-procure.gov.in** 11.06 2020 at 17.00 Hrs.

Note:- i) Name and address of the officer inviting tenders-Executive Director/ Construction. **ii)** The contractors/firms are requested to upload the information in the Zip format preferably. **iii)** Further details & Bidding document can be seen @ **http://www.eprocurement.gov.in** PHONE/FAX **NO.0866-2429231, 8330938593. 9494096251**

Sd/- Executive Director/Construtions-2

DIPR No.111PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21, Dt.10/06/2020

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD
CHENNAI CIRCLE
493, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai -35. Phone No.044-24322070

Short Term TENDER NOTICE NO: CC/ 3/2020-21 Dated: 10.06.2020

Sealed tenders with **Pre-Qualification** system duly superscribed on the covers with name of work, reference No, due date and name of tenderer are invited for the following works so as to reach the office of the Superintending Engineer (Chennai Circle), Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Chennai-600 035 up to **11.00 A.M** (as per office clock) on the due dates mentioned below. The tenders will be opened by the undersigned at his office at **11.30 A.M** on the same day in the presence of the tenderer or their agent who choose to be present.

Sl. No.	Description of work	Approximate value (Rs. in Crores)	EMD in Rupees
1	2	3	4
1	Construction of Multi Storied Office cum Commercial Complex (2 Basement Floors + Stilt Floor + 9 Floors) in S. No. 4/1 & 8/1 part of Urur Village, Besant Nagar, Velachery Taluk, Chennai District. And Construction of Office cum Commercial Complex (1 Basement floor + Stilt Floor + 4 Floors) in S.No.72/1,2 (part) of Thiruvanmiyur Village, Velachery Taluk, Chennai District.	36.95	18,58,000/-
2	Construction 72 HIG Flats (Stilt + 9 Floors) in S.No.624 Pt, Block No. 2 of Mullam Village, Aminjikarai Taluk, Chennai District.	30.15	15,18,000/-

Last date & time for receipt & Opening of tender on **26.06.2020 up to 11.00 A.M & 11.30 A.M** respectively. Period for sale Up to **25.06.2020 Up to 1.00 P.M.** Cost of tender document is **Rs.15,750/-**. The tender document can be downloaded **www.tender.tn.gov.in** at free of cost. The tender notice & other Conditions details can be had from Superintending Engineer / Chennai Circle, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 35.

DIPR/2210/TENDER/2020 **Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle.**

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಲಾಲ್‌ಭಾಗ್, ಮಂಗಳೂರು

DMA/2020-21/WORK INDENT NO. 103039, 10518 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.06.2020

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ **E-PROCUREMENT OF KARNATAKA**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ.ಟಿ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಮ.ನ.ಪಾ ನಿಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 26.06.2020 ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಕೆಲಸದ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇರಿಸಿದ ಮೊತ್ತ
1.	ಮಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರಕ್ಕೆ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಸುದರಣಾ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇತ್ರಾವತಿ ನದಿಗೆ ಅಡ್ಡಲಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ಕಿಂಡಿ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಚಾಲನೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ. **(Indent No.103039)**	50,96,000/-
	ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಳಿಕೆ ನಿರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯ ತಂಬೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಲ್.ಪಿ.ಎಸ್ –1 ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಲ್.ಪಿ.ಎಸ್. –2 ಸ್ಥಾವರಗಳಿಗೆ 2020–21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಅಲಂ ಮತ್ತು ಸಣ್ಣ ಹಾಗೂ ತುಂಬೆ, ಪಣಂಬೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂದೂರು ನಿರು ಶುದ್ಧೀಕರಣಗಾರಗಳಿಗೆ 2020.21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಕ್ಲೋರಿನ್ ಅನಿಲ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ **(Indent No.10518)**	55,19,100/-

ಸಹಿ/-, ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಮಂಗಳೂರು

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TIRUNELVELI (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle,
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.05 / 2020-2021 / D-1 / Dated: 10.06.2020.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu sealed **percentage tender Two Cover System through online only will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads, Tirunelveli circle** for the works approved in G.O.(2D) No.12 Highways and Minor Ports (HF1) Department dated.04.06.2020 in **Package No.01 to 06 under Upgradation of Panchayat Union / Panchayat Roads** as Other District Roads **in Virudhunagar (H), NABARD and Rural Roads Sub Division** in respect of **Paramakudi (H)** NABARD and Rural Roads Division.

Details such as Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, documents to be uploaded, critical dates and all other details related to the works are available from **18.06.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / Corrections / Amendments etc related to this tender arises, it will be published on the above Government website only.

DIPR/2175/TENDER/2020 **Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads, Tirunelveli-2.**

TIRUNELVELI SMART CITY LIMITED SMART CITIES MISSION
Tender Notice No.1/Smart City/2020-21/SCM **NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)** Dated: 10.06.2020

The Managing Director , Tirunelveli Smart City Limited, Tirunelveli hereby invites Bids through both on-line and off-line from eligible bidders for the following works:

Sl. No	Name of Works	Estimate Amount	Bid Security Rs. in Lakhs	Period of Completion
1	Re-development of Anganwadi buildings Phase –II in Tirunelveli City . Municipal Corporation. **(3rd call)**	3.67	3.67	12 months
2	Development of Palayamkottai Bus stand in Tirunelveli City Municipal Corporation. **(4th call)**	13.08	13.08	12 months
3	Development of Nehruji Kalaiarangam in Tirunelveli Corporation. **(4th call)**	11.97	11.97	12 months
4	Development of Smart Streets Phase II (Package IV) 1)Pattapathu main road 2) Thenpathu salai street 3)Mahilvanna nathapuram street 4)Vellanthangi pillayar koil street, 5)Shenbagampillai ottrai street 6)Kallanai street and 7)Vellanthangi pillayar koil cross street. **(2nd call)**	10.40	10.40	6 months
5	Development of Smart Streets Phase II (Package V) 1)Manipuram street 2)A.P.Mada street 3)Vayal street 4)Veerakerala Pandithar street and Vadampokki street. **(2nd call)**	5.96	5.96	6 months
6	Improvement of Bose Market in Tirunelveli Municipal Corporation. **(4th call)**	10.97	10.97	9 months
7	Development of Smart streets-1 in Tirunelveli Corporation (In Tirunelveli Town) (1).Mela Mada veethi road (2)Therku mada veethi (3).Anna street (4)Sathya moorthy street (5)Sathya moorthy cross street (6)Theppakulam east street (7)Amman sannathi street. **(5th call)**	9.40	9.40	6 months
8	Development of Smart streets -2 in Tirunelveli Corporation (in Tirunelveli Town) (1).Kattalai Karuvelan kundu street (2)Vaiyapuri nagar west, north and east street (3)Vaiyapuri nagar south street (4)Vaiyapuri nagar link street -1 (5) Vaiyapuri nagar link street-2 (6) Cheranmahadevi road Tirunelveli Town (7) Perumal kovil south street (8) Perumal Kovil south mada veethi (9) Perumal kovil sannathi street.**(5th call)**	12.34	12.34	6 months

A two cover bidding procedure will be adopted. The bidders shall satisfy the qualification criteria and the financial criteria as mentioned in the Bid document. The bidding documents will be available from **12.06.2020** to **13.07.2020.** A pre-bid meeting to be held on **03.07.2020** on **11.00 hours.** Tender documents can be downloaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** The bidder shall upload their bids on or before **15.00 hours** on **13.07.2020** . The tender will be opened on **15.30 hours** on **14.07.2020.**

Email ID: commr.tirunelveli@tn.gov.in
Office : 0462 - 2329328
Fax : (0462) - 2329327

Managing Director,
Tirunelveli Smart City Limited, Tirunelveli Corporation Office, S.N.High Road, Tirunelveli – 627001.

DIPR/2206/TENDER/2020 **Managing Director, Tirunelveli Smart City Limited.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

NABARD & RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM - 1.

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.03 / 2020-21 / SDO / Dated : 09.06.2020.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu, percentage tender through online only will be received upto **14.07.2020 - 11.00** hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Salem Circle **Package No.9 to 25 in Dharmapuri Division** under Upgradation of Panchayat Union Roads / Panchayat Roads to Other District Roads - FY 2020-21 pertaining **Dharmapuri** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from the Government web site **http://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website(s) only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1.

DIPR/2176/TENDER/2020

TAMILNADU HOUSING BOARD - MADURAI CIRCLE

Tender Notice No: 05/2020-2021 **Date : 10.06.2020**

Sealed Tenders with **'Pre-Qualification System'** duly super-scribed on the covers with Name of work, Reference No., Due Date and Name of the Tenderer are invited for the following work so as to reach office of the **Superintending Engineer, Madurai Circle, Ellisnagar, Madurai-16** up to **11.00 A.M** (as per office clock) on the date mentioned below. The tenders will be opened by the under signed at his office at **11.30 AM** on the same day in the presence of the tenderer or their agent who choose to be present.

Sl. No.	Description of Work	Approximate value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD in Rs.	Tender due date	Available Upto
1.	Construction of 56 HIG Flats (Stilt + 14 Floors) at Varaganeri, Trichy under Self Finance Scheme.	2273.87	11,47,000/-	26.06.2020	25.06.2020 upto 1.00 P.M.

Time for receipt and opening of tender on due date upto **11.00 AM & 11.30 AM** respectively. Cost of Tender Schedule (Non refundable) is **Rs.15,750/-** (including Tax). Further particulars and tender documents can be had from the Office of the **Superintending Engineer, Madurai Circle, Ellisnagar, Madurai-16**. The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any or all the tender documents without assigning any reasons therefore. The tender schedule can also be downloaded from the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** at free of cost.

Madurai Circle. Ellisnagar, Madurai-16
Phone- 0452-2600 901

DIPR/ 2203 /TENDER/2020

Superintending Engineer
Madurai Circle

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 2213898, 2213888 website : www.hdmc.gov.in

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ನಂ : 124 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13-11-2020

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಿಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ 2000 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ/ಸಿಪಿಡಬ್ಲೂಡಿ/ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹ ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ 1, 2 ಹಾಗೂ 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಇ.ನಂ. 101770, 95630, 101389, 102070, 102005, 101076 ಒಟ್ಟು 06 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **89.15** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ ಮೂಲಕ ದಿ. **10-06-2020** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. **ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.**

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836-2213838 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಮೇಲೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ

1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **25-06-2020** ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **26-06-2020** ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆ

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ

ಸಂ: ಪಾಸಾಇ/ಧಾ/2020-21/116/MCA

CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
CIN: U40109KA2004SGC035177
O&M Circle, Chamarajnagara-Kodagu, Sri.Harsha Road, MPL Building, Mysore -570 001. Ph, No - 0821-2437058

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal)

Superintending Engineer (Ele), O&M Circle, Chamarajnagara-Kodagu on behalf of CESC invites tenders from Suitable Agencies / Firms for the following work;

Enquiry No.	Description of work	EMD
CESC/SEE/O&M/EEE/AEE/ 20-21/MDK/VEH Dtd: 29.05.2020	Providing Motor vehicle along with driver to Divisional and all the sub-divisional officers of O&M Division Madikeri on monthly rental basis for a period of one year on total turnkey basis.	1,00,000/-

The tender documents will be made available on or after **05.06.2020**. The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained. through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or help desk 080-25501227/25501216 or Email address hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. The prospective bidders can obtain further details from the office of the undersigned.

Superintending Engineer (El),
O&M Circle, Chamarajnagara- Kodagu.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Registered Office:- 27 BKC , C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai -400 051
Branch Office: #22, Kotak House, M G Road, Bangalore 560 001

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.(KMBL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s)to pay to KMBL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to KMBL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount:	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Account No:LAP17694555 & LAP17691081 **1.M/s Graphic Enterprises,** Represented by its Partner: Mr. Madhukiran K.S, No.38-1 Central Street, Kumara Park West, Bangalore- 560 020.(Borrower) **(2).Mr. K.S. Madhukiran.,** No.38-1 Central Street, Kumara Park West, Bangalore- 560 020. (Co-Borrower/Guarantor / Property Owner) **(3).Mr. K.N Shivaprakash,** No.38-1 Central Street, Kumara Park West, Bangalore- 560 020 (Guarantor)	**Demand Notice : 09-Jun-20 Rs.2,68,29,689.98** (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Eight Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and Paisa Ninety Eight Only) as on 08-06-20	Mortgage over the following Property:- All that piece and parcel of self-occupied residential property bearing No.38, Old No.74, Central Street, Kumara Park West, Bangalore- 560 020.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to KMBL as aforesaid, KMBL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of KMBL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place: Bangalore **Date : 11-Jun-2020** **Sd/- Authorized Officer, For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.,**

Union Bank of India

Union Bank of India,
Hennur Main Road Branch
606,Ground floor, 4th Cross, 2nd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyannagar
080-26692176, 22958215, 22958216

Ref. No. 522705040000112 **APPENDIX-IV-A** **09-06-2020**

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the proviso of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower **M/S Balaji Impex (Prop. Srinivasa Prasad) and guarantor Mr. Karthikeyan. C** that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to Union Bank of India Hennur Road Branch, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Union Bank of India, Hennur Branch, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is" basis, on **17.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs. 98,42,000/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Forty Two Thousand only) (as on 31.05.2020)** together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank. The Reserve Price for Property and the earnest money deposit (EMD) will be as follows. EMD for all properties is to be deposited on or before **16.07.2020** (by 3:30 PM).

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Sr No.	Schedule of Property	Reserve Price	EMD
1	2400 sq. ft. Vacant plot bearing site No: 16 in K block of 1st phase, Shiva priya nagar in Sy. No:48/2,Laxmi sagar village,Attibele Hobli,Anekal Taluk,Bangalore district converted for residential purpose by the order of special deputy commissioner,Bangalore urban district and kaneshmari No:109,village panchayath khatha No:279 of Chandapura Panchayat, Boundaries of property:- East :-35 feet Road, West :- Site no 6, K Block North:- Site No 16 K Block, South :- Site No 18 K Block	**Rs. 14.04 lakhs**	**Rs. 1.41 lakhs**
2	2400 sq. ft Vacant plot bearing site No:18 in K block of 1st phase,Shiva priya nagar in Sy No:48/2,Laxmi Sagar village, Attibele Hobli,Anekal Taluk,Bangalore district converted for residential purpose by the order of special deputy commissioner,Bangalore urban district and kaneshmari No:109,village panchayath khatha No:281 of Chandapura Panchayat Boundaries of property:- East :-35 feet Road, West :- Site no 5, K Block, North:- Site No 17 K Block, South :- Site No 19 K Block	**Rs. 14.04 lakhs**	**Rs. 1.41 lakhs**
3.	2400 sq. ft.Vacant plot bearing site No:17 in K block of 1st phase,Shiva priya nagar in Sy No:48/2,Laxmi sagar village,Attibele Hobli,Anekal Taluk,Bangalore district converted for residential purpose by the order of special deputy commissioner,Bangalore urban district and kaneshmari No:109,village panchayath khatha No:280 of Chandapura Panchayat Boundaries of property:- East :-35 feet Road, West :- Site no 7, K Block, North:- Site No 15 K Block, South :- Site No 17 K Block	**Rs. 14.04 lakhs**	**Rs. 1.41 lakhs**

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

The aforesaid property will be sold by "Online E- Auction through website **https://bankauctions.in** on **17.07.2020.** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website i.e. **"http://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/"** and auction website **https://bankauctions.in**

The interested bidders may contact the Branch Manager of Union Bank of India – Hennur Road Branch Mr. Sanjay Kumar Sinha for ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property, Contact: Mobile No.:- **7259620333**, Tel. No. **080-22958216** e-mail ID: **hennur@unionbankofindia.com**

Date : 09.06.2020 **Sd/- Authorised officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Union Bank of India**

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 BENGALURU

2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560025

RC No : 67/2019

IDBI Bank Ltd.,
No. 58, IDBI House, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027.
.....Certificate Holder Bank

Versus

Sri Girish Arora & Others
.....Certified Debtors / Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri Girish Arora S/o Sri Nandalal, No.11, Rainbow Residency, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru-560102.

2. **M/s Girish Sons Investment Ltd,** Rep by its Managing Director, Sri Girish Arora, Sangeeta Towers, No. 3, 80ft Road, Near CMH Hospital, Indiranagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560033.

3. M/s Base Corporation Ltd, Rep by its Managing Director, Sri Girish Arora, Sangeeta Towers, No. 3, 80ft Road, Near CMH Hospital, Indiranagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560033.

.....Certified Debtors / Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No. 718/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **24.11.2018** an amount of **Rs.19,62,42,103/-** (Rupees Nineteen Crore Sixty Two Lakhs Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Three Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing of O.A. till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on **24th Day of August 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER - 1
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 2
Bangalore

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

Rule **16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of Last 5 Year.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
O/o CE/MM, Room No. 212, 2nd Floor, Multi Story Building,
PSPCL, Head Office, The Mall, Patiala. Phone No: 091-175-2213047,
Fax No. 091-175-222024, Mob : 96461-19383, 96461-11036.
E-mail: **poconductorpspcl@gmail.com, apoconductors@gmail.com,**
e-tendering portal : https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

TENDER EQNUIRY NO : QQ-220/PSPCL/PO-C

Short Description: Procurement of ISI/PQM marked MS Black Hexagon Bolts with Nuts of below mentioned sizes conforming to IS:1363 & 1367 (with latest amendment) and PSPCL's specification. The size wise details is as under :-

S.No.	Size in mm (Dia. x length)	Quantity (MT)
1	M12x200	24
2	M16x55	365
	Total	389

Start date for downloading of Specification / tender documents from PSPCL's website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in	11.06.2020
Last date for downloading of Specification / tender documents from PSPCL's website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in	03.07.2020 upto 11.00 AM
Last date of Bid Submission	03.07.2020 upto 11:00 AM
Bid Opening date	08.07.2020 at 11:30 AM

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**

Note:- It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website **www.pspcl.in**

Chief Purchase Officer/MM,
Central Purchase Organization,
PSPCL, Patiala.

C-192/2020-10.06.2020
DPR/10JUNE2020/C245

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

TRICHY (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS, CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.03/2020-21/ SDO /Dated:08.06.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu percentage tender will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle **Trichy for Package No.18 to 25 under Upgradation of Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads / 2020-21 works** in respect of **Nagapattinam (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division** upto **14.00 hours on 16.07.2020** through online only.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 19.06.2020 onwards** in the Government website **http://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

DIPR/2177/TENDER/2020

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H),
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, TRICHY

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Hutti - 584 115, Raichur Dist., Karnataka State. Ph: (08537) 275740/276339/275463
e-Mail: material276339@gmail.com website: www.huttigold.co.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 03/20-21, Dt. 11.06.2020

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The Dy.General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following goods from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers, as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Qty.	Approx. Value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Supply of Tyre 9 x 20 Radial for Emco LHD **HGML/2020-21/INDENT2796**	30 sets	29.85	60,000/-
2	Secretrial Audit for the year 2020-21 **HGML/Serivce/59/2020-21**	-	1.05	-
3	Replacement of Wear plates of Bins and Chutes. **HGML/2019-20/OW/WORK_INDENT262/Call-2**	-	18.00	45,000/-
4	Neonatal Radiant Warmer Care. **HGML/2019-20/IND2433/Call-2**	2 Nos.	2.00	5,000/-
5	Supply of Underground diamond drilling screw feed machine. **HGML/2019-20/IND2677/Call-2**	2 Nos.	15.65	39,000/-

1. **Last date for receipt of tender: 11.07.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.**
2. **Opening of Technical Bid on: 14.07.2020 at 10.00 A.M.**

Tender shall be submitted through e-procurement portal only & tender processing fees as per e-portal norms.

Please visit website: https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for submitting the bid. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Dy. General Manager (Materials)

"LEADING GOLD PRODUCER IN INDIA"

E-mail ID: **cebuildings_orissa@yahoo.co.in**
cebuildings@rediffmail.com
Tel. -(0674)- 2391523

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA

NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

File No-B-III-SSEPD-04 / 2017 Lr. No. - 18922 / Bhubaneswar, the 5th June 2020

B-71 **Invitation for Bids**
Bid Identification No. CE (B) –01 / 2020-21

1.	The Chief Engineer (Buildings) Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for Construction of Building works as detailed below.		
2.	Nature of work	:	Building works
3.	No. of work	:	**01 no.**
4.	Bid Cost.	:	₹.10,000/- (each)
5.	Class of Contractor	:	Super Class
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From **dt.12.06.2020** to 17.00 Hours of **dt.29.06.2020.**
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	**Dt. 30.06.2020 at 11:30 AM.**
8.	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tendersodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can be seen in the said website only.		

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Buildings),
Odisha, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-34117/11/0003/2021

ANDAMAN LAKSHADWEEP HARBOUR WORKS

KAVARATTI

NOTICE FOR E-TENDER

The Executive Engineer (C), ALHW, Kavaratti invites on behalf of the President of India online item rate bids from all the eligible bidders as stipulated in the NIT in two cover system for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Tender No.	Estimate amount	Earnest Money Deposit	Last time and date of online submission of bid
1	Providing & fixing tubular fender on steel frame at the low landings (North end & Rear side) of Eastern side jetty Kavaratti including fabrication and fixing of steel frame.	DCE/KVT/DB/ T-09/ 2020-21/ DATED: 8.6.2020	₹. 30.13 lakhs	₹. 60,270/-	6.07.2020 at 1500 hrs
2	Providing & fixing tubular fender on steel frame at the low landings of Eastern side jetty Amini including fabrication and fixing of steel frame.	DCE/KVT/DB/ T-10/ 2020-21/ DATED: 8.6.2020	₹. 36.79 lakhs	₹. 73,588/-	6.07.2020 at 1500 hrs
3	Maintenance of port control tower and PA office at Kadamath Island.	DCE/KVT/DB/ T-11/ 2020-21/ DATED: 8.6.2020	₹. 4.05 lakhs	₹. 8,150/-	22.06.2020 at 1500 hrs

For details visit our website **(https://eprocure.gov.in/cpp).**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CIVIL)

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Thiruvananthapuram Division Traction Distribution Branch
E-TENDER NOTICE NO.V/TRD-OT/02/2020-21 Dated 09/06/2020

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution/Thiruvananthapuram, for and on behalf of the President of Union of India, invites E-TENDER for the following work.

The prospective tenderers/bidders will be able to submit their offers only on ON-LINE. Submission of offers manually is not permissible and manual offers if any, received even within the closing time of the tender, will be summarily rejected.

		Item No. 1	Item No. 2
1	Name of work with its location	Ernakulam (ERS) Sub-Division - OHE works in connection with track renewal works at various locations - OHE modification work.	Nagercoil (NCJ) Sub-Division - OHE works in connection with track renewal works at various locations - Bonding work.
2	Approx. cost of the work	₹ 1,33,74,51/-	₹ 46,66,955/-
3	Cost of the Tender form	₹ 5,600/-	₹ 3,360/-
4	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 2,16,900/-	₹ 93,400/-
5	Completion Period	270 days	1 Year
6	Last Date & Time of uploading of offers	Up to the closing time of 14:00 hrs. on 07.07.2020 as allowed in IREPS. Tenderers need not be present in the office for tender opening as they can watch the status of opened tenders, on line through IREPS.	
7	Opening of tender	Tender will be opened on 07.07.2020 at 14:15 hrs.	
8	Period of validity of Offer	45 days from the date of tender opening	

For details interested persons may kindly be log on to website at **http://www.ireps.gov.in** For other details, terms and conditions, the tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded.

Sr. DIVISIONAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER/
TRACTION DISTRIBUTION / THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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ಬೆ.ಮ.ಪ್ರ.ಪ್ರಾ.

ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು,
'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ-561203. ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080-29562046

ಸಂ.: DPA/TP/ಭೂ.ಉ.ನಿ/15/2019-20/101/1 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.06.2020

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2005ರ ಕಲಂ 69(3)ರ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಂತೆ)

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಅಇ 95 ಬಿಎಂಆರ್ 2016 ದಿ: 30.11.2017 ರನ್ವಯ ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ತಿಗಳೇಬಾಗಾಯ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮವು **''ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶ''** ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಅಇ 156 ಬಿಎಂಆರ್ 2018ರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29.09.2018ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2005ರ ಕಲಂ 4(ಎ)(4)ರನ್ವಯ ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿ ಜಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಆಳವಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಂತರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವಿಮಾನ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ನಅಇ 157 ಬಿಎಂಆರ್ 2005 ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27.01.2009** ಮತ್ತು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **29.01.2009** ರಂದು ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಐದು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2005 ರ ಕಲಂ 69 (2) ರನ್ವಯ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ರದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2005 ರ ಕಲಂ 69 (4) ರನ್ವಯ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ವಾಸದ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಕೋರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ (ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2005ರ ಕಲಂ 69(4)ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿವಸಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ

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DMK MLA J Anbazhagan, who died of severe pneumonia on Wednesday morning, was buried at a burial ground in Chennai. The first legislator in the country to die of Covid, Anbazhagan was admitted with 'severe acute respiratory distress' to a private hospital in the city.

Missing bullets mystery cracked, cops find 20 live cartridges in Kapila river

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mysuru

THERE'S something about Nanjangud and its penchant for the mysterious. First, it was the mystery of the coronavirus, and how it reached the temple town in the peak of summer.

Then, it was the mystery of the missing bullets from T Narasipur police station in Mysuru, which now has a Nanjangud connection. Police claim that they have solved the mystery -- of 50 missing bullets, 20 were found on the bed of the Kapila river, which flows past Nanjangud.

Investigating officers probing the case consider this a major breakthrough, after Krishne Gowda, a writer at T Narasipur police station and also prime accused in the case, revealed that he had disposed of the bullets in the river.

Last week, sleuths grew suspicious of Gowda, when he tried to mislead them with a suicide drama. Based on his 'fake' suicide bid, cops continued investigations and Gowda revealed that he had disposed of the bullets in the Kapila river.

Additional SP PV Sneha, DySP Prabhakar Shinde and a team of police personnel conducted a two-hour-long operation to recover the bullets. "Expert divers found 20 bullets deep inside the river," said a source.

ASP Sneha maintained that investigation is on and she can't divulge details. In the last week of May, an FIR was registered at T Narasipur station over 50 live cartridges going missing. This was discovered when District Armed Reserve officials were preparing an inventory of arms and ammunition, and found that of 2,500 live cartridges used in .303 rifles, 50 were missing.

While the remaining bullets may or may not be recovered, and Gowda may reveal why he dumped the bullets in the river, the virus entry remains a puzzle. Jubilant Generics Limited in Nanjangud taluk reported a cluster of Covid-19 cases, but how the virus dropped into the pharma firm, will need to be unravelled by a homegrown Sherlock Holmes.

TIDING OVER CRISIS WITH MGNREGS

Working through the lockdown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Koppal

SCORES of local agricultural labourers and those who returned to the district during the lockdown, appear to have been bailed out of hardship in April-May by enrolling for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme in Koppal, official sources said.

Graduates and even students enlisted to tide over the lockdown period on one hand, and earn a daily wage of Rs 285, on the other. For instance, engineering student Lalita Kasturi Nayak, born and brought up in a poor family of Kanakagiri taluk in the district, wanted to earn some money. Desilting of lakes, canals, construction of percolation pits in forest areas and jungle cutting was taken up, while ensuring social distancing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Though there were a few complaints of labourers being deprived of work, Tekayya Valikar, who returned to Dhanapur village in Gangavati taluk, said the scheme had come to the rescue of farm labourers. With the creation of around 8 lakh man-days of work and Rs 21 crore paid in wages in April-May, the district ranks among the top few in terms of performance, Koppal ZP CEO Raghunandan Murthy told *TNIE*. Wages were paid promptly, he said.

Workers at a MGNREGS project site

Over 300 grads join workforce

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

OVER 300 graduates, who returned from various cities to Ron taluk, are now dependent on MGNREGS to earn a living. Engineers, teachers, technicians and cab drivers have joined the workforce.

Many graduates who lost their jobs are interested in working for MGNREGS projects. Gram panchayat officials are ascertaining the number of workers who want to continue working here instead of returning to cities.

At Abbigeri village, 3,100 people are working under the job scheme, and 124 of them are graduates. In Kurudagi, 74 of the 590 workers are graduates. This is also the case in Yerebeleri, Nagaral and other villages. Shivanagouda Menasagi, panchayat development officer of Abbigeri and Kurudagi, said, "Many educated people, including professionals, are applying for job cards to work under MGNREGS."

Job cards a boon in April, May

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

SHEKAR Suvarna, a barber in Hakladi in Kundapur, was worried as he had to shut his shop during the lockdown. He, along with his wife Baby and sons Shashikiran (24) and Sumanth (21) were leading a simple life, but the pandemic caused a major disruption. However, a silver lining appeared when the panchayat development officer (PDO) of Hakladi GP called Baby over the phone and asked her to work under MGNREGS from April 25. The daily wage of ₹275 prevented them from starvation.

Manju from Karkala sailed through the lockdown by working under MGNREGS. "I applied for a job card at the right time and got the work when there was no other labour-intensive work outside during the lockdown," he said.

As many as 2,070 persons applied for job cards in Udupi district after the lockdown announcement and got the opportunity to work. Meanwhile, social activist Krishna Udyavar told *TNIE* that he had learnt that there were only 25,000 active job cards out of the total 71,000 claimed by the officials.

Kiran Pednekar, District Nodal Officer for MGNREGS, Udupi, told TNIE that sizeable numbers of the fresh job card holders are those whose livelihoods got affected due to lockdown.

K'taka hikes relief to kin of foresters killed in line of duty

MEERA BHARDWAJ @Bengaluru

THE state government has increased the compensation amount for forest personnel from ₹20 lakh to ₹30 lakh in case of death on field duty. With this order effective from June 5 this year, it brings the forest field staff on par with police personnel whose kin are paid ₹30 lakh as compensation on death. The compensation scheme for forest personnel was introduced in August 2018 with increasing deaths and injuries while fighting forest fires, wildlife attacks and tackling poachers and smugglers in protected areas.

Till date, Karnataka has lost almost 49-50 forest personnel on duty and in this regard, the state had promised to increase the compensation amount by ₹10 lakh and make the ex- gratia payment on par with police. However, there is no increase in the compensation amount for permanent disabilities and serious injuries which is ₹10 lakh and ₹2 lakh respectively.

The compensation will be paid to on duty forest officers and personnel from the rank of Range forest officers to deputy RFO, forest guards and forest watchers. This will also apply to elephant caretakers like mahouts and kavadis employed in various elephant camps across the state.

A gang of hunters recently fired on forest staffers in Katinkaaru village near Sharavathi Sanctuary in Sagar taluk, leaving one official injured | EXPRESS

Recently, two forest employees died in Kabini backwaters of the Nagarhole-Bandipur Tiger Reserves. Sanjay Gubbi, member, State Wildlife Board, says, "The death highlights the risk the frontline forest staff face daily. Assault by poachers, timber smugglers and encroachers has become common. One of the employees who was killed in Kabini recently was a temporary watcher. There are medical facilities but no insurance and no exgratia is paid to their families during tragic incidents like these. Apart from bringing the accused to justice, the government should extend all the benefits to temporary and semi-permanent staff as given to permanent employees."

Wildlife activists said compensation should be given to daily wage workers who are frontline forest protectors. They said, "Most of these watchers have suffered serious injuries and some died, but not received any compensation." CM BS Yediyurappa promised that compensation to daily wage workers attached to forest department will be resolved soon but no decision has been taken yet.

V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT TRUST
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, Tuticorin – 628004
REF.No:CIV-OFCQS-MIS-REGIE-V1-17 Dated :10.06.2020

NOTIFICATION

V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust invites applications from the experienced firms/contractors for Registration as contractor in Civil Engineering Department. The application form can be downloaded from the VOCPT website www.vocport.gov.in from **10.06.2020 to 30.06.2020.** The duly filed in application shall be submitted online on or before **30.06.2020.**

Sd/-
10.06.2020 Chief Engineer

For Further details, please visit Port's website www.vocport.gov.in

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IFT No.: MMU/PUR/E-Procu./Admin Tender–08/2020-21 Date: 08-06-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd., invites Biennial tenders for Providing man power for filling milk, curds and butter milk packets into crates and arranging in cold storage and supply of crates to milk DTC vehicles, separation of leakage packets, cleaning of crates and maintenance work. EMD **Rs. 6,15,000/-.**
Tenderer can download documents from: **09.06.2020**, Pre bid meeting: **08.07.2020 at 11.30 hrs**, Last date of submission of tender: **07.08.2020 upto 17.00 hrs**, Date of Opening of Technical tender: **10.08.2020 after 11.30 hrs** and Commercial Bid opening: **will be intimated.** Interested Tenderer's may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** / Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also contact helpline No.: **080-25501227 / 25501216**, e-mail: **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**
Note: For more information contact Deputy Manager (HRD) Mob: **9513888253.**
Sd/-
Managing Director

CHAMARAJANAGAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
Sy. No.124, Yadapura Village, Kasaba Hobli,
Chamarajanagar – 571313.
No: CIMS 01 Paper 2020, Date:29-05-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director and Dean, Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Chamarajanagar invite the tender from eligible tenderer in TWO cover system through e-procurement for having 1. Services of Group D, Security and Driver posts through Outsource basis for CIMS (CIMS 29 Outsource 2020, Date: 26-05-2020), Tender value Rs. 370.20 Lakhs, Full Term Tender, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 30-05-2020 at 10:00AM to 28-06-2020 at 5.30PM, 2. Services of Group C Non-teaching posts through Outsource basis for CIMS (CIMS 35 Outsource 2020, Date: 26-05-2020), Tender value Rs. 377.92 Lakhs, Full Term Tender, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 30-05-2020 at 10:00AM to 28-06-2020 at 5.30PM, 3. Supply of furniture to CIMS (CIMS 33 Furniture 2020, Date: 26-05-2020), Tender Value Rs. 32.02 lakhs, Full term tender, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 30-05-2020 at 10.00AM to 15-06-2020 at 5.30PM, 4. Supply of Air Conditioner for library of CIMS (CIMS 34 AC 2020, Date: 26-05-2020), Tender Value Rs. 15.60 lakhs, Full term tender, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 30-05-2020 at 10.00AM to 15-06-2020 at 5.30PM, 5. Supply and Installation of Microsoft Office for CIMS (CIMS/Supply/E-tender/Software/31/2019-20, Date: 26-05-2020), Tender Value Rs. 9.80 lakhs, Short term re-tender, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 30-05-2020 at 10.00AM to 08-06-2020 at 5.30PM and 6. Supply of Chemicals for Laboratory of Biochemistry of CIMS (CIMS 02 Chemicals 2020, Date: 27-05-2020), Tender Value Rs. 12.45 lakhs, Full term tender, Date and time for uploading of tender is from 30-05-2020 10.00AM to 15-06-2020 at 5.30PM and any more details can be obtain from the website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after 30-05-2020.
Sd/- Director and Dean
Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences
Chamarajanagar

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F- 17-18/2176-77 Dt: 10/06/2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-procurement mode only)

KPTCL had invited bid against enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/T-4/19-20/EPR-09 and EPR-08 respectively for the following works:

1. Replacement of existing A type Tower of 66KV to increase the vertical clearance of existing Subramanyapura-sarakki double Circuit line-18,32, near Venkateswara temple, Devanakere behind 66KV ISRO Layout Substation by 66KV DC NB "DC+6" type Tower in TLM Subdivision, Somanahalli on total turnkey basis. (Call-3)

2. For the work of providing additional 11KV Bank (2IC+ 1BC+ 6F) and feeders at BTM 4th Stage pertaining to TL&SS Subramanyapura on partial turnkey basis.-(Call-5)

The Bids will be received through 'E' Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink `eProcurement - KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11.06.2020**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer Elec, Transmission (Maintenance),
BMAZ, South Circle, KPTCL, Ananda Rao Circle,
Bengaluru-560009. Telefax : 22386686-85

Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysuru- 570 011
Tel: 0821-2522905/06/07
No: SIRD/COMP-04/2018-19 Date: 11.06.2020

e-Procurement Tender Notification

e-Tender is invited to Supply, Installation and Commissioning of the Following Items through Karnataka e-Procurement Portal, All eligible Bidders can apply through e-procurement portal only. For further details, please visit (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).

Sl.No.	Item Description	Quantity
1.	Desktop Computers	115
2.	Laptops	06
3.	Multi Function Printers	10
4.	Scanners	06
5.	Multi Function Copiers	02
6.	Tablets	01

e-Tender Schedule is as follows
1) Tender commencement Date: 11.06.2020 **2)** Last date for submission of Tender: 10.07.2020 05.00 PM **3)** Technical Bid Opening Date: 14.07.2020 05.30 PM **4)** Financial Bid Opening Date: 20.07.2020 03.00 PM
Sd/- Director, ANSSIRD & PR, MYSURU
DIPR/DD/MYS/MCA/162

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No. KUIDFC/KUWSMP/1685A/2020-21 Date: 09.06.2020

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation limited is implementing 24x7 Water Supply Project in Kalaburgi under **"Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernisation Project"-KUWSMP** with World Bank Aid.

Applications are invited through online for 2 vacant posts in Kalaburgi under Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernisation Project (KUWSMP) as per Article 371J - the Karnataka Public Employment (Reservation in appointment for Hyderabad-Karnataka Region) Rules 2013.

1. Vacant posts are temporary and are co-terminus with the period of the Project and the posts will be automatically stands cancelled after completion of the Project.
2. For the said posts, appointment will be made on contract basis (renewable on yearly basis) as per the Human Resource Rules of the Corporation.
3. The Number of Posts are subject to change.

Application forms will be available in the official website of the Corporation **www.kuidfc.com/careers from 11.06.2020.** Eligible Candidates should submit applications through online **within 25.06.2020.** There is no facility for submission in person or through post/courier. For the said posts, the prescribed educational qualification, experience, Salary/Allowance, terms/conditions of service and all other related information can be obtained in the official website of the Corporation.
Sd/- Managing Director

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RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation limited is implementing 24x7 Water Supply Project in Hubballi, Belagavi and Kalaburgi under **"Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernisation Project"-KUWSMP** with World Bank Aid.

Applications are invited through online from Eligible Candidates for 47 vacant posts in Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernisation Project (KUWSMP) Head Office, Bengaluru and Project Implementation Units at Hubballi, Belagavi and Kalaburgi cities.

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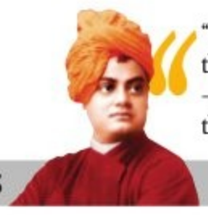

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— Ramnath Goenka

BANKS GET AN INTEREST RATE RAP ON THEIR KNUCKLES

The Union finance minister and the Reserve Bank of India have been taking policy decisions to make access to credit easier for both hard-pressed citizens as well as cash-strapped businesses. But what if the banks, which disburse loans, ignore policy guidelines and carry on the way they want? This has been an unstated problem for long and it is good that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has highlighted that state-owned banks were not lowering interest rates as expected. This was despite RBI reducing its repo rate (the interest rate at which commercial banks borrow from the central bank) by 185 basis points (1.85%) since February 2019. The repo rate now stands at 4%. It is also commendable that the FM sternly told the bankers to hold board meetings and speed up cuts in interest rates on loans.

Spokesmen for the banks have been stout in their own defence, claiming the banks had lowered interest rates by as much as 120 to 140 basis points, and any further cuts in rates would hereon impact their own profit margins. Banks argue that their own cost of funds is fairly inflexible. Despite easing of rates by RBI, most bank deposits have long maturity profiles and they are on fixed interest rates. To lower lending rates but having to pay out much higher interest on deposits would be a business folly.

It is not only poor interest rate 'transmission'. The finance minister has also prodded the banks over the poor disbursal of loans under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS). Under the economic stimulus package, the government envisages a disbursal of ₹3 lakh crore as additional funding to companies struggling to survive. However, banks till June 5 sanctioned a mere ₹17,705 crore in loans and disbursed a measly ₹8,320 crore. These bankers need to understand these are not normal times and that unless they give a massive credit boost to tottering businesses, the latter are likely to go belly up, sinking thousands of jobs alongside. Slowing down the transmission of monetary policy is the last thing banks should be doing.

'MY MASK PROTECTS YOU, YOUR MASK PROTECTS ME'

It's about time face masks got their due in the coronavirus battle. Recent research published by scientists from two top universities of Britain says that population-level use of face masks could have a substantive impact on reduction of Covid-19 spread. The mathematical model goes on to advocate that masks can even be home-made and still be effective in cutting down transmission. "Under certain conditions, when lockdown periods are implemented in combination with 100% facemask use, there is vastly less disease spread, secondary and tertiary waves are flattened, and the epidemic is brought under control," says the study.

Interestingly, the much-maligned WHO, which hemmed and hawed over the efficacy of masks even when the virus had begun to leap across continents, came out with a protocol last week that is in agreement with this. The British study, published in *Proceedings of the Royal Society A*, concludes that a population-wide approach of face mask use in combination with physical distancing or even periods of lockdown can become "an acceptable way of managing the pandemic and reopening economic activity". A key message from the outcome of the study is this might work well for developed as well as developing countries where access to and affordability of face masks is a concern.

For a populous nation like India, recommending face masks as a national strategy against the pandemic does make sense. As horrible stories pour out of Delhi and Maharashtra, the coronavirus graph appears to have reached its inflection point. With the tally reaching 2.76 lakh and daily cases close to 10,000, it is a decisive point for the country where just three states account for half its numbers. The good news is the number of those cured—at 48.8%—has surpassed active cases. The downside, though, is the widespread lack of discipline displayed by people after the lockdown was relaxed in many parts of the country. Economic activities would continue to be opened up but very little is known about how the fresh waves would pan out in the months to come. This could be the right time to drive home the message the new study delivers: "My mask protects you, your mask protects me."

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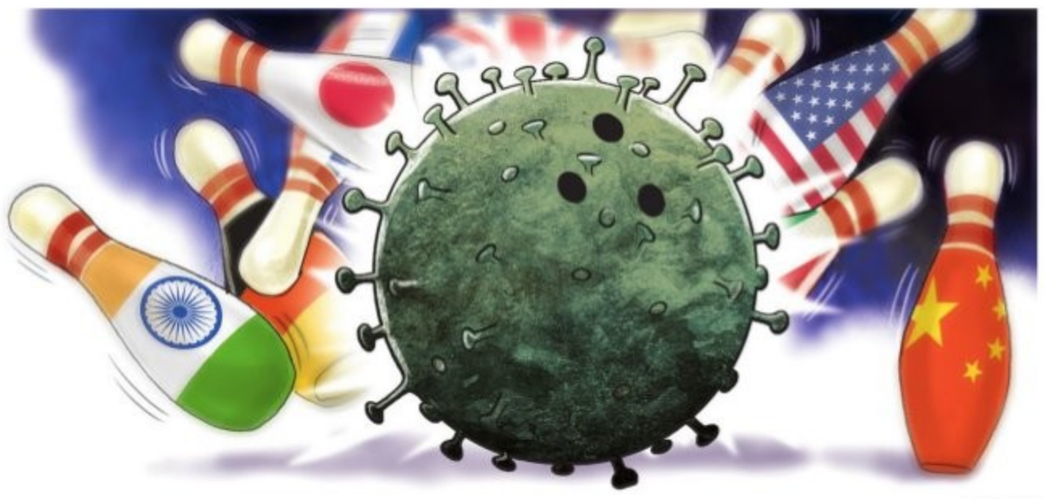
COVID: WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF GLOBALISATION?



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The economic crisis that has besieged the world since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic has led to some searching questions about the future of globalisation. Several Western commentators have been debating on whether the pandemic would threaten it. This question is hardly new: Since the middle of the 1990s, or from its very early days, many have had doubts about globalisation's future. The "Great Recession" of 2008 brought fresh doubts about it with some narrowing the problem down to financial globalisation.

Uncertainties about the future of globalisation have arisen in the wake of the disruptions that the "Great Lockdown" has caused in all major economies, with the possible exception of China. The ongoing disruptions are reminiscent of the "Great Depression" of the 1930s, after which most economies turned protectionist. Given this context, the likely impact of the "Great Lockdown" on global trade volumes is another ominous sign. The World Trade Organization had predicted that global trade volumes could decline by 13-32% in 2020. The WTO's worst case scenario of trade volume decline is significantly worse than the impact of the "Great Depression" on trade; between 1929 and 1932, trade volumes declined by almost 25%.

In recent weeks, there have been attempts to view the challenges that the process of globalisation faces from several different perspectives. Several commentators have argued that the world economy is going through a phase of "slowbalisation" or even "deglobalisation", but these tendencies are not likely to sound a death knell for globalisation. There are others who have pointed out that the global economy is facing multiple challenges, not least from the intense economic rivalry between the US and China, with both countries trying to gain ascendancy. How serious could all these developments be for the future of globalisation that the world has known for at least three decades?

There is hardly any doubt that globalisation has not evoked much confidence as many of its professed virtues have not been quite evident. The process was expected to create a robust global economy that would, in turn, benefit all participating countries. However, this expectation became distant as the world's economy struggled to overcome the vestiges of the "Great Recession". In the five years prior to 2008, the global economy had expanded annually by over 5%, but between 2010-19, the expansion had declined to 3.8%, and in the past five years, it was down to just above 3%.

The more worrying aspect for globalisation was that major economies have been showing signs of getting decoupled from the global economy. For all major advanced and emerging economies, their ratios of trade to gross domestic product (GDP), an indicator of openness, have declined. The largest trader, China, showed this tendency prominently. In 2008, China's trade to GDP ratio was close to 58%, but a decade later it was barely 38%. India too showed a similar tendency: its trade to GDP ratio reached nearly 56% in 2012 but was down to 43% in 2018. Yet another indicator of decoupling is the shrinking of the global value chains (GVCs) or production networks. The GVCs have typified the era of globalisation as production lines were sliced and diced across national boundaries, increasing the interconnectedness between countries. Data provided by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) shows that between 2005 and 2015, exports of major advanced and emerging economies have relied more on domestic value addition, or in other words, the import content of the exports have been on the wane. For instance, the domestic content in China's exports was close to 74% in 2005 and had increased to 83% in 2015. Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), who are among the most engaged in the GVCs, have also slowly but surely increased their reliance on domestic suppliers for fuelling their exports.

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If decoupling of economies from the global markets was already undermining the process of globalisation, the policy responses of several countries to bail their economies out the depths of the present crisis would surely pose greater threats. The US has led the way by adopting the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which provided $2.2 trillion, or about 10% of the country's GDP, to stimulate the economy. Subsequently, several US agencies have announced a slew of programmes, all of which are aimed at reviving domestic businesses. The expressed intent of these agencies is to support these businesses to enable them to compete with China in the global markets.

But the factor that could ring alarm bells for globalisation is the revival of the Chinese economy, well before other major economies can get back to normalcy. There is thus a distinct possibility that China would be able to consolidate its position in the global economy further. If this possibility indeed becomes real, would the traditional backers of globalisation accept the new normal?

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VOCAL FOR LOCAL NEEDS A GLOBAL PUSH

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Eat Local, Wear Local, Consume Local has been an emerging trend, an undercurrent that was waiting for a trigger to become mainstream. Can the Covid-19 induced global pause be the kick it so desperately required? Hopefully, yes. We see a lot of debate about turning 'Swadeshi', for have we not just spent the last three decades trying to be global citizens? Was Swadeshi not what we read about in the 'Independence Movement' chapter of our history textbook? In my opinion, going local is a global need this time. Every region in the world needs to go local, at least to a certain extent. Leaders of a nation or state or district can only promote local consumption in their area of influence, but if all leaders around the globe promote the same principle, we may inch towards a much-needed balance between local and global production as well as consumption.

Along with this, we need to revisit 'Small is Beautiful', and move towards having multiple smaller units spread across the country instead of a handful of big units catering to most of the consumption. This may not be possible in heavy industries like steel, but it can definitely be achieved in most consumer products that can be built in smaller units catering to local needs.

I propose a 'Local Balance Index' or *Santulan Soochak* to be devised that takes into account the percentage of consumption from within the region and imports from outside. The index should take into the account the distance covered by the product from production to consumption. At a more granular level it should take into account the distance covered by the raw materials before they became a part of the product. This should be our indicator of the domains and verticals in a region that are good candidates, for moving towards self-reliance.

Today, when the big corporations declare their financial numbers, they talk about efficient cost structures and productivity parameters as inputs into their earnings. They hardly take into account the environmental and health cost that the society is paying for these efficiencies. We collectively pay the price but no one holds the responsibility to bring them down, not in practical terms.

So, if the *Santulan Soochak* indicates that your region is consuming too much processed food sourced from more than 500, 1,000 or 2,000 kilometres, you can look at options like choosing to produce it locally, choosing to produce and promote its alternatives, or campaign and encourage people to reduce consumption. Note that I am not proposing national boundaries but a parameter of distance to take these decisions.

The call by Prime Minister Narendra Modi would definitely give rise to a sentiment of 'Going Local' and supporting local producers. If the MSME schemes proposed by the government do reach the desired audience, that should give a lot of open ground for entrepreneurs to play around. However, they need more than just moral support and financial options.

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Traditional Indian businesses operated in clusters, where each individual business was not too big but collectively, they were an industry concentrated in a small geographic area. This gave them the so-called economies of scale along with collective bargaining power. Handicraft-based small-scale industries operate in loosely organised clusters like ceramics at Khurja or glass bangles at Firozabad or the weaving clusters across the country. New age industries too need to build their focussed clusters. Local governments can take a data-based approach to deciding which industries work best for them based on parameters like availability of raw material, local demand, talent and the *Santulan Soochak* Index.

Awareness about the available local products in local markets is abysmal. Big corporations score high with their well-researched, high-profile, targeted marketing and cross-media campaigns. Local businesses need focussed local campaigns to highlight their products and their local origin. Government agencies can also pitch in by public listing of local businesses and local products. A few decades ago, there were strong local food brands in almost every region of India, be it the *bhakarwadi* of Pune or the *pedha* of Mathura. In recent years, they have all gone global with standardisation of their products, tweaking their recipes for global taste and longer shelf lives, making them easy to replicate for global competition. GI tags can help in terms of protection but they do not really help with new markets unless coupled with strong geo-tagged marketing.

Data-driven soft infrastructure is as important in enabling local producers as the easy access to capital.

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Pullback of troops

With the world already at war against Covid-19, now is an inappropriate time for border tensions. The thinning of the presence of troops along the LAC is a welcome development. This must be followed by sincere dialogue between the two nations to sort out their differences.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Killing of a Pandit

The assassination of a south Kashmir sarpanch, Ajay Pandita, by militants seems to be another conspiracy hatched by Pakistan to stop the resettlement process of Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley. The culprits must be apprehended and brought before the law to defeat the intentions of separatist elements in J&K.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Stopping discrimination

This is with reference to *Reserving hospital beds for locals in Delhi was a mistake* (Jun 10). The decision of the Delhi government to reserve hospital beds for locals would discriminate against fellow citizens, which is not acceptable. The L-G's overruling of this move was good. That the CM accepted it shows his maturity in these trying times.

D Pazhanivel, Tiruvarur

Live hospital bed status

This is with reference to *Transparency is the best remedy for fear* (Jun 10). Sometimes, Covid deaths are due to late admission as patients lose valuable time trying to find hospitals with free beds. The state must make the live status of government hospital beds public as well.

Vijay Anandhan P, Koradacheri

Strong unitary bias

This is with reference to *Wisdom of the makers of our Constitution* (Jun 10). India is a federation of states with a strong unitary bias. The architects of the Constitution were geniuses to have visualised a situation where states would be ruled by many different parties.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Ex-SC judge embraces tech

This is with reference to *Judicial proceedings in times of Covid* (Jun 10). It was interesting to read about a former apex court judge embracing technology after facing initial hurdles. His zeal should be an inspiration to the legal community. When virtual courts can make the hearing process faster, there is a need for it to be adopted everywhere, despite the teething troubles.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Can't compare NZ & India

When data regarding the spread, control, death rate, etc., of countries are compared, the total population of these nations should be taken into consideration. For instance, New Zealand with about 50 lakh people and no active cases cannot be compared to India with over 135 crore people. People must not panic due to lists that don't take population into consideration.

M Vathapureeswaran, Erode

Pragmatic leader

The decision of New Zealand, after becoming free of Covid for now, to reduce its scientific projects in Antarctica to keep the virtually uninhabited continent free of the virus is prudent. PM Jacinda Ardern has proved to be a pragmatic leader.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Interest rates and elderly

The government often slashing interest rates on bank deposits is a huge problem for senior citizens, whose livelihood depends on this interest. The government should come up with schemes that can ensure an around 9% interest to help affected senior citizens survive despite the high cost of living.

Gopalan Nair, Koottanad

Team of experts

The decision of the Centre to dispatch a team of experts to 50 high-caseload districts is commendable as these professionals can make a lot of difference in testing and other matters. This exercise should fetch good dividends and result in a gradual decrease in the proliferation of the virus in these districts.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

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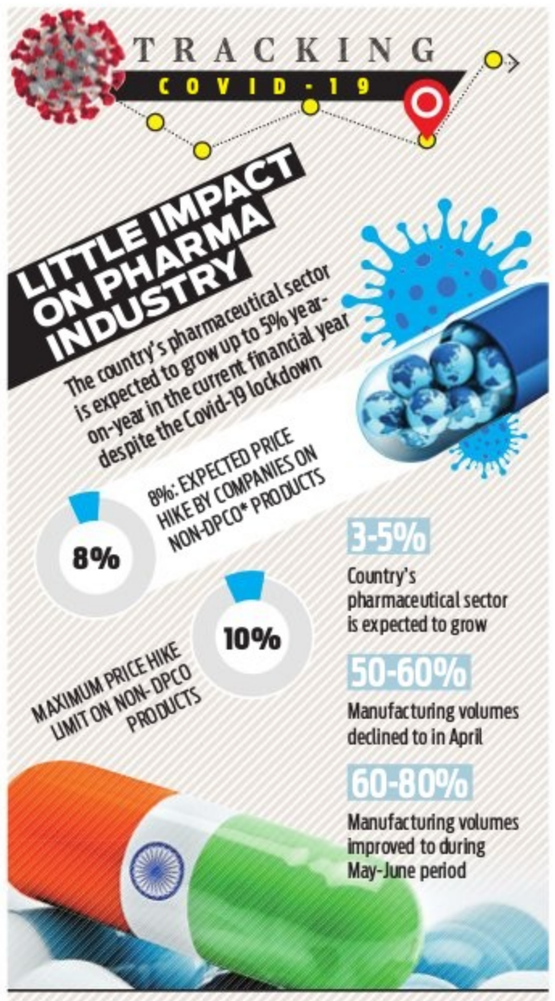
Outdoor physical activity has been allowed for your good health and not to spoil it... Lockdown may continue if this happens — Uddhav Thackeray

BIGGEST SPIKE

The coronavirus toll in Uttar Pradesh rose to 321 on Wednesday with the biggest single-day spike of 20 deaths, while 275 new cases of the pandemic took the tally to 11,610.

149 deaths RECORDED IN MAHARASHTRA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Recoveries exceed active cases

Total cases have crossed 2.76L; CGHS hospitals told to provide Covid treatment to beneficiaries

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THE Covid-19 tally in India crossed 2.75 lakh mark on Wednesday morning. However, the number of recoveries for the first time surpassed active cases. The country now has a total of 2,76,583 cases of which 1,35, 205 have been declared as cured while the number of active cases is 1, 33, 632.

The recovery rate now stands at 48.8 per cent.The death toll stands at 7,745 of which 279 were registered within a day.

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said the number of Covid tests conducted in India stands at 50,61,332. In the last 24 hours, ICMR has tested 1,45,216 samples. The number of government labs where the tests are being carried out is 590 while there are 233 private labs offering the service.

The composition of six central teams that are being sent to provide technical support and handhold the state and local authorities in six cities — Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Chennai Kolkata, Delhi and Bengaluru — has been changed. The teams will now consist of two public health expert each, apart from a joint secretary rank officer. The Centre has constituted teams for 50 districts and municipal areas with the highest case loads.

The teams will visit these cities within next one week to review public health measures being undertaken.

"The teams will submit daily report of activities undertaken to state health department and the ministry," a statement said.

Meanwhile, an order was issued to all empanelled hospitals under the Central Government Health Scheme saying even those hospitals that have been notified as Covid facilities by state governments should provide treatment facilities to CGHS beneficiaries for all coronavirus-related treatments, warning that those violating will be penalised.

"...It is directed that all the CGHS empanelled hospitals, which are not notified as Covid hospitals shall not deny treatment facilities/admission to CGHS beneficiaries and shall charge as per CGHS norms, for all other treatments. Action shall be taken in case of violation of the guidelines," the order said.

The central teams will inform them (state health dept and the ministry), regarding any issue of urgent importance and also submit a report of its observations and suggestions —Health Ministry statement

A medic collects swab sample of a suspected Covid patient for test in New Delhi | PTI

RTI: Centre claims no data on testing

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

WHILE coronavirus cases are heading towards three-lakh mark, Union health ministry does not have countrywide data related to daily Covid-19 testing capacity of the Centre and states, according to an RTI reply from the ministry.

The ministry, under the National Health Mission (NHM), has released ₹4,114 crore so far for Covid-19 activity to states, with Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu getting the highest share, revealed the RTI filed by Vikrant Tongad, Founder of Social Action for Forest & Environment (SAFE).

He had sought information related to details of daily testing capacity of the Government of India and states, the Centre's for Covid-19 testing and detail of testing kits in the country.

In response to the RTI, the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, said: "Data across the country is not available with the NCDC and the lab at the NCDC has capacity to test 200-300 samples for Covid-19 daily."

While the ministry cited unavailability of data, reports quoting ICMR officials said a total of 50,30,700 samples were tested across the country till June 6 and testing capacity has been increased to 1.4 lakh per day. The Indian Council of Medical Research is funded by the Government of India through the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Tongad had also sought state-wise break-up of the funds allocated by health ministry for Covid-19 fight. The ministry informed that ₹1114.5 crore was allocated to states during the Financial Year 2019-20 and ₹2999.99 during FY 2020-21 under NHM. Maharashtra, which has the highest Covid-19 burden, got the highest ₹468 crore, followed by Uttar Pradesh (₹368 crore) and Tamil Nadu (₹360 crore).

COVID WARCHEST FOR STATES

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Use lean tourist inflow to build Kedarnath infra, PM tells U'khand govt

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asked the Uttarakhand government to take advantage of the current lean tourist inflow to expedite the Kedarnath Dham development and reconstruction project during a review meeting.

"Keeping in mind the present situation and comparatively lean pressure in terms of tourists and pilgrims to the holy sites, Prime Minister suggested that the present construction season could be utilised for completing pending works by proper distribution of labour pool, keeping in mind the norms of social distancing. This will help to create facilities and infrastructure to better sustain tourism flows in the years to come," a PMO statement said.

Modi called upon the state government to envision and design development projects for holy sites like Kedarnath and Badrinath in a way that stands the test of time, while being eco-friendly and harmonious with nature and surroundings.

The PM also gave directions for further development of other heritage and religious spots in the Ramban-Kedarnath stretch. The developmental works of the other sites will be in addition to the redevelopment of the Kedarnath shrine.

The meeting took stock of the progress on the development work of Brahma Kamal Vatika and museum to greet pilgrims en-route to Vasuki Taal, re-development of old town quarters and properties of historical significance, keeping intact their original architectural façade as well as other facilities like eco-friendly parking spaces at a proper distance from the shrine and at regular intervals.

"We informed the PM about ongoing progress of the project in Kedarnath. He expressed satisfaction and made various suggestions which, we are going to include," said Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat.

Vande Bharat Phase 3: 165 flights will be sent to Gulf region, 80 to Europe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH a view to ramp up the repatriation exercise to bring back stranded Indians, Phase III of the Vande Bharat Mission will see 80 flights being sent to Europe — two daily flights to London and two to other European destinations — between June 10 and 30.

On Wednesday, Air India started sale of tickets for Phase III flights from destinations in Europe to India and its website received huge booking requests.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has also started giving permission to more charters on foreign and Indian carriers.

In view of the huge number of requests from stranded Indians in the Gulf, 58 more flights will also be added to evacuate Indian citizens from the countries in the region.

"More than 70,000 citizens have returned and nearly 17,000 flew out of India on VBM flights till date. In addition nearly 1,10,000 people flew out and 55,000 citizens returned on more than 730 charters on foreign and Indian carriers permitted by DGCA. Permission for more such flights is in process," Civil Aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri said.

Informing about addition of flights under the VBM, he tweeted, "Starting immediately, number of flights from Gulf under Phase III of Vande Bharat Mission now increased from originally planned 107 to 165."

More than 70,000 Indians have been brought back under Vande Bharat Mission | FILE

Relative fatality among women higher than men in India: Study

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE biological advantage of higher protection from Covid-19 deaths that women in most other countries have, seems to be completely missing for females in India.

The first-ever analysis of gender differentials in Covid-19 deaths in the country has revealed that while the overall number of infected men is higher, relative mortality due to the infection is higher among women than men, in contravention to the global trend.

The analysis by researchers associated with the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) in Delhi, Institute of Health Management Research in Jaipur and Harvard University in the US has shown that 3.3% of all women contracting the virus in the country are dying as compared to 2.9% males (see table).

AGE-SEX SPECIFIC CASE FATALITY RATE (IN %)

Age group	Male	Female	Both sexes
0 to 4 years	1.9 (1.2-2.8)	1.1 (1.6-3.4)	1.7 (1.2-2.3)
5 to 19 years	-	0.6 (0.4-0.9)	0.2 (0.1-0.3)
20 to 29 years	0.3 (0.2-0.4)	0.3 (0.2-0.4)	0.3 (0.2-0.3)
30 to 39 years	0.6 (0.5-0.8)	0.4 (0.3-0.6)	0.6 (0.5-0.7)
40 to 49 years	2.1 (1.8-2.3)	3.2 (2.8-3.7)	2.4 (2.2-2.6)
50 to 59 years	6.7 (6.2-7.3)	6.2 (5.5-6.9)	6.6 (6.2-7.0)
60 to 69 years	14.5 (13.5-15.5)	13.6 (12.4-14.9)	14.3 (13.5-15.1)
70 to 79 years	21.1 (18.9-23.3)	18.6 (16.4-20.1)	20.1 (18.6-21.7)
80+ years	20.5 (16.9-24.5)	25.3 (20.8-30.2)	22.2 (19.3-25.3)
All	2.9 (2.8-3.1)	3.3 (3.1-3.5)	3.1 (3.0-3.2)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS FROM THE STUDY

William Joe, health economist at the Institute of Economic Growth in Delhi, said that the findings could have two significant policy implications. "At no point should governments think that women are at advantage in dealing with the infections and also the health and nutrition support programmes should be continued with enhanced focus even during the pandemic situation," he said

The difference is the starkest in the age group of 40-49 years where 3.2% infected women, as compared to 2.1% males succumbed to the contagion and also in the 5-19 years age group, which has only seen female deaths.

The findings of the research, 'Equal risk, unequal burden? Gender differentials in COVID-19 mortality in India', have been published in the *Journal of Global Health Science* and are based on Covid-19 mortalities in India till May 20 when the total confirmed cases were 112,027 with 3,433 deaths at a case fatality ratio of 3.1 per cent.

The total share of the infection burden in males at that time was 73,654 while 38,373 women were infected and the corresponding fatalities among males and females was 2,165 and 1,268, respectively.

"The social determinants like access to healthcare and general health and nutrition status which are generally worse for women in India than their male counterparts could explain these differences that defy the global trend," health economist William Joe from the IEG, who is lead author of the paper, told this newspaper.

Globally, similar analyses in countries like the US, China and Italy have shown that the relative death rate is higher among males. It has been attributed to sex-based immunological differences due to female hormones, lower prevalence of smoking in women, and men developing co-morbid conditions such as hypertension at a younger age than women.

"Although males share a higher burden of death...females have relatively high risk of Covid-19 death... The difference is found to be statistically significant for three age groups (5-19 years, 30-39 years, and 40-49 years)," the paper said. The study used crowd-sourced data compiled by covid19india.org for estimates on age-sex specific Covid-19 case fatality rate.

NEPAL

Oli: Returnees from India to blame for rise

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

NEPALESE Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli on Wednesday yet again sought to blame India for the rise of coronavirus cases in the Himalayan nation. "Eighty-five per cent of the people who tested positive for coronavirus in Nepal are those who returned from India. With the start of the movement of people from India, the number of coronavirus cases doubled in just one month in Nepal," he said in Parliament.

Oli's remarks come at a time when tensions between the two countries are on the rise over the introduction of a constitutional amendment Bill in Nepal's parliament to include Lipulekh and the disputed territories of Limipiyadhura and Kalapani in the country's new political map.

Nepal recorded 279 new cases of coronavirus on Wednesday, taking the total to 4,364.

Oli went on to say that while only 7,000-odd Nepalese citizens returned from India in April-May, the number increased to over 2 lakh in May-June. "Every day, around 7000-8000 people are returning from India," he said and added that since the returnees came in crammed buses and trains, there was every chance that many of them may have contracted the virus.

Oli also lashed out at Uttar Pradesh CM over his comments on Kalapani. "Adityanathji has said certain things about Nepal. His comments are inappropriate and not legitimate. Someone in a responsible position in the Central government should request him not to comment on issues that are not part of his domain," he said.

BSF personnel's death increases CAPF toll to 14

A 35-year-old BSF personnel has succumbed to the coronavirus infection, taking the number of fatalities in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to 14, officials said on Wednesday. Constable Vinod Kumar Prasad breathed his last on June 9 at the AIIMS in Delhi. "He was deployed on law-and-order duty with the Delhi Police and was admitted to the AIIMS on June 5 with weakness and cough," a Border Security Force spokesperson said. Prasad's Covid test results came negative on June 6, but his condition deteriorated on June 8 and he breathed his last on Tuesday at the AIIMS ICU, he added. His test result of June 8 were found positive, the spokesperson said. The 2.5-lakh-strong force has had a total of 538 coronavirus cases till now, of which 435 have recovered. This was the third Covid death in the BSF. The pandemic has claimed five lives in the CISF, four in the CRPF and one each in the SSB and ITBP. With over 1,500 cases and 14 deaths, CAPFs have been among the worst affected groups.

Assam cop steps forward to give respectful burial

An Assam police officer volunteered to ensure a respectful farewell to a man who died of Covid-19, after health workers were unwilling to do the job. Arun Kakoti of Sum Pura in Bokoliaghat of Karbi Anglong district had died on June 7 and the body had been lying at the morgue of a government hospital for two days in district headquarters, Diphu. As the body started decomposing, SP Debojit Deuri broke open the morgue's door and took the body out along with his driver and two personal security officers. They performed the last rites at a crematorium in the deceased's village on June 9 in the presence of his son-in-law and a few others. Deuri said the man was at an isolation facility and was sent for home quarantine on June 3, when the result of his swab test was found to be negative. However, on June 6, he developed some health problems and his swab sample was collected again. On June 7, he died while being taken to hospital, while his tests came positive.

PREP FOR PRAYERS

Priests wear PPE kits at Dakshineswar Kali Temple near Kolkata ahead of its reopening for the public | PTI

More time for submitting performance appraisal report

Central government officers have been given extra time to submit their performance appraisal reports keeping in mind the ongoing situation due to Covid-19 pandemic. DoPT has also said that most of the officials will not be required to submit their annual medical check-up report along with their Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) in view of the situation. The same will be done separately with extension in dates. A DoPT order in this regard has said that in view of continuance of the restrictions imposed due to Covid-19 pandemic it is still very difficult for the officials to either submit their self-appraisal or to record the PAR of the year 2019-20 as reporting officer or reviewing officer. While the date of self-appraisal has been revised to August 31, date for appraisal by reviewing authority has been extended till November 15. Moreover, DoPT has informed to delink the submission of a summary of the medical report from recording and completion of the APAR for the year 2019-20.

BUS SERVICE
Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC), West Bengal's largest civic body, on Wednesday introduced specialised bus services to ferry employees to office amid Covid-19 pandemic

37 TANTRIKS QUARANTINED IN MP HOSPITAL

Ahmedabad	40	26	Mumbai	32	26
Bhopal	36	24	Panaji	31	24
Jaipur	38	28	Patna	36	28
Amritsar	42	28	Lucknow	41	26
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	29	23
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	28	20
Srinagar	29	14	Chandigarh	38	28

Assam inferno: 2 firefighters dead

The fire is controlled in a 1.5-km radius but is still raging due to natural gas of the well's oil

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

TWO firefighters of the Oil India Limited (OIL) were found dead near the oil well blowout site at Baghjan in Assam's Tinsukia district on Wednesday.

Durlav Gogoi, a former goalkeeper of the Assam state football team, and Tikheswar Gohain were missing ever since a massive fire broke out at the oil well on Tuesday afternoon. "We lost two of our men today (Wednesday). The cause of deaths could be drowning or suffocation," an OIL spokesperson said.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal gave instructions to the authorities that the last rites of the duo were done with full state honours.

Locals said the victims had jumped into a pond when the fire broke out. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) retrieved the bodies with the help of drones used by Assam's forest department.

Four people — two of them from OIL, one from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and another employed with a contractor — sustained minor injuries in the blaze.

The fire has been controlled in a 1.5-km radius but it is still raging due to natural gas of the well's oil. The incident has left a trail of devastation in nearby areas.

Wildlife activists and environmentalists are worried as the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park is less than two km away. The blowout — or uncontrolled emission of natural gas — occurred at the OIL's Baghjan Well No 5 on May 27. Natural gas is spewing since then.

OIL Chairman and MD Sushil Chandra Mishra had a detailed discussion with Assam's Industries and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary.

NDRF personnel carry out search and rescue operation to search for two missing firemen at Baghjan oilfield in Assam's Tinsukia district | PTI/TWITTER

"I request the Oil Ministry to compensate the families as the firemen sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. I also request jobs for two family members — Sarbananda Sonowal, Assam CM

TRACKING COVID-19

DIDI STINGS BJP WITH TABLIGHI COVID ROW

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

RUBBISHING Home Minister Amit Shah's allegation that she called Shramik trains as "Corona Express", West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday reminded the BJP how the Tablighi Jamaat congregation was dubbed as a Covid super-spreader event.

If the BJP found the Nizamuddin congregation wrong, Mamata asserted, then packing migrants inside special trains was also a wrong act.

"I did not call Shramik trains as Corona Express. It was public saying it. What did they (govt) do for migrants? Had they run special trains only for migrants for three days to seven days before announcing lockdown, all stranded people would have returned home without facing problems," the Bengal chief minister said.

"Lockdown was announced four hours before it was imposed. The BJP was bothered about the Nizamuddin congregation because of assembly of so many people at a place. Now they are packing 2,000 to 2,500 migrants in a single train."

On Tuesday, Shah had said Mamata would have to pay dearly for calling Shramik trains as "Corona Express" in an apparent indication to the 2021 Bengal polls.

Later, Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh claimed that the Trinamool Congress boss was trying to mislead the people of Bengal. "Moving forward and backward is her habit. She should have thought before issuing the statement," he said.

The CM, meanwhile, reduced the mandatory institutional quarantine period to one week from 15 days for migrants returning from Covid hotspots in Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

"Bengal has already received 11 lakh migrants stranded in other states. We have decided to keep the migrants from the five states at the state-run quarantine centres for seven days," she said. "During their stay, swabs would be collected and those testing negative will be allowed to go home."

ED files money laundering case against Naresh Trehan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TAKING note of an FIR filed by the Gurugram police, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a money laundering case against Medanta Hospital promoter Naresh Trehan and 15 others in connection with allotment of land to the hospital.

The ED has filed a criminal case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and has named all the accused as stated in the police complaint, officials said.

The agency has already initiated probe in the matter.

The Gurugram Police had filed FIR on the orders of the additional sessions court in connection with alleged irregularities in the 53-acre allotment for 'Medicity' in Sector 38.

Charges against all named in police FIR

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According to the FIR, Gurugram resident Raman Sharma alleged that land for the 'Medicity Project' was allotted to Trehan, Sunil Sachdeva, Atul Punj and Anant Jain "in violation of laws and criminal abuse of public policy, criminal misconduct, and influence by public servants causing pecuniary advantage to private persons, among others".

Those named in the FIR include Global Infracon, Punj Lloyd, the chief administrator of Haryana Urban Development Corporation (HUDA) in Gurugram, the administrator of HUDA in Gurugram, Estate Officers-2 HUDA, and the director general of general health services, Haryana.

Medanta, however, said the allegations were "false" and "motivated".

"This complaint has been filed by a person who claims to be an RTI activist. However, it has been reported in the press that he has had an FIR for extortion registered against him. All the allegations in this complaint are completely false, baseless and motivated," a Medanta spokesperson said.

CASTE ANGLE

Govt orders probe after man lynched by girl's family

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government has ordered an inquiry into the death of a 20-year-old man who was allegedly lynched for stalking an upper caste girl in Pune.

Police have arrested the girl's father, brother, uncle and cousin besides detaining two minors as well. All of them are booked for murder and under relevant provisions of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Viraj Vilas Jagtap, a residence of Pimple Saudagar suburb of Pune, was said to be involved in an inter-caste relationship with a girl belonging to an upper caste. Jagtap was killed on the night of June 7.

Maharashtra Minister Nitin Raut has promised to ensure that the guilty would be punished. According to the Pune Police, the girl's family members accused Viraj of stalking and harassing her and that the fight took place over the "trouble which he was causing to the girl". Viraj was a second-year student at a local college and worked part-time in a transport firm.

According to the FIR, Viraj, who was on his bike, was initially chased by six people in a tempo. They hit his bike from behind after which he fell down and started running to save himself from his attackers. Chasing him further, one of the accused hit him on the head with a heavy rod and another hurled a rock at him. Four of the accused held Viraj's hands and legs while Jagdish used casteist slurs and spat at him, the FIR said.

Pimpri-Chinchwad Police Commissioner Sandeep Bishnoi said police are probing the case.

Labourers unload sacks from a goods train at a yard in Navi Mumbai | PTI

Courtesy Dharavi, Mumbai has lesser +ve cases, deaths

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MUMBAI might have surged past Wuhan in Covid cases, but there is a silver lining — the curve of viral infection is showing signs of flattening.

More number of patients are getting cured and discharged in the Maximum City.

Asia's largest slum Dharavi has played a major role — for the last eight days,there is a significant decline in Covid cases and no death at this sprawling slum in Mumbai. "The good news from Municipal Commissioner of BMC today: As of yesterday, Mumbai's doubling rate was at 24.5 days (the national average is 16), the death rate has lowered to 3% (almost at par with the national average), and discharge rate is 44% and Dharavi doubling rate is 42 days," tweeted Aaditya Thackeray, Mumbai Suburban guardian minister.

"Mortality rate has come down to 3% (almost equal to the national average) Aadtiya Thackeray, MVA minister

According to the Mumbai civic body's report, on last Tuesday, 1,015 Covid positive cases and 50 deaths were reported while 904 patients got were discharged. "While on June 8, 1,314 positive patients, 64 deaths and 842 cured and discharge reported, total 1,421 positive patients, 61 deaths and 1,218 discharged cases were registered on June 7," the BMC report said.

On June 6, 1,274 positive patients, 57 deaths and 1,181 cured and discharged cases were reported.

HOSPITAL

Covid patient found dead after 8 days

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE body of an elderly Covid patient, who was missing for last eight days, was found inside the bathroom of a hospital in Maharashtra.

The 82-year-old woman was admitted to the government-run hospital in Jalgaon on June 1. The very next day, she went missing from the hospital following which officials registered a missing complaint. Police, hospital staff and her family looked for the elderly woman but without any luck.

It was when hospital staff were cleaning that the old woman's body was found inside the bathroom on June 9, The hospital in question was earlier caught in a row after medical staff had handed the wrong body to a family.

A similar episode was reported in Mumbai's Bandra where a missing Covid patient dead body was traced to a crematorium after a frantic search for 60 hours.

TP Lahane, Director of Medical Education and Research, said officials were probing these cases to take action against the guilty.

5 MILITANTS ELIMINATED

In the third encounter in Shopian in the last four days, five militants belonging to Lashkar-e-Toiba and Hizbul Mujahideen were killed by security forces on Wednesday

As many as 14 militants, including three commanders of Hizbul Mujahideen, have been killed in these encounters

Security personnel take positions during an encounter in Kashmir's Shopian district on Wednesday | PTI

Rajasthan seals border after virus surge

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE Rajasthan government decided to re-seal borders of the state on Wednesday in view of a surge in Covid cases.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot took the decision after a review of the current crisis. DG, Law and Order, M L Lathar then issued orders to the Superintendents of Police directing that all the borders should be sealed.

The number of Covid cases in the state stands at 11,368, with 123 fresh cases reported on Wednesday morning.

From now, a complete ban is imposed on road travel in Rajasthan. The order will be effective for next seven days. Only medical emergency cases and pass holders will be able to enter the state. Depending on the number of Covid cases, a decision will be taken on whether to reverse or continue with the order.

Preparations have started to seal the borders, with additional police force deployed at all toll points. After the introduction of Unlock-1, people had been coming from outside the state. Buses for Gurugram had also started back then.

After the order, the Ratanpur border with Gujarat was sealed in Dungarpur district. A police team has been posted at the border. The border with Punjab was sealed in Sriganganagar too. Similarly, the border adjoining Gujarat in Sirohi district was also closed to outsiders.

EXPRESS READ

Audio clip: MP Congress may move SC

Bhopal: The Opposition Congress plans to move the Supreme Court after an audio went viral in which MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan is allegedly heard telling his party workers that the BJP's central leadership had decided to topple the Kamal Nath government. "We're consulting legal experts for going to the Supreme Court in the matter. Even if we don't go to the apex court in the matter as a party, any individual might petition the top court," Congress media in-charge Jeetu Patwari said.

Murder case: CID summons BJP MP

Kolkata: The Criminal Investigation Department (CID), West Bengal, on Wednesday summoned BJP's Ranaghat MP Jagannath Sarkar in connection with the murder of Trinamool Congress MLA Satyajit Biswas. This was the third time that Sarkar, who is also the BJP's Nadia district president, was summoned and interrogated by the investigating agency. Last year, BJP leader Mukul Roy was also named as a conspirator in the FIR in connection with the murder of the TMC legislator.

Digvijaya disarms scribes with quips

On Sunday, former chief minister and Congress candidate for Rajya Sabha polls Digvijaya Singh addressed a digital press conference for around an hour and 45 minutes. When addressed by a journalist as Chanakya of Congress, Singh said, 'you're mistaken'. Then another journalist addressed him as Bhisma Pitamah of Congress in MP, but Singh quipped, 'you're mistaken, I can't be Bhishma Pitamah, as he fought for the Kauravas.' "I'm a simple foot soldier of the Congress and whatever work is given to me in the 24 bulk assembly by-polls, I would do it religiously," he said.

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BHOPAL DIARY

45 people return by special fight from Kuwait

A special flight of the Kuwait Airways carrying 45 Indians, mostly labourers, landed at the Indore airport on Tuesday. The flight that was routed via Delhi had passengers from Indore, Ujjain and Bhopal regions, who were in Kuwait for work. The aircraft was received on a specially prepared bay and all the passengers underwent thermal scanning at the aerobridge. Their luggage too was sanitized along with their passengers screening for any Covid symptom. All the 45 passengers were taken to Kamla Kunj Garden in Indore's Rajendra Nagar area in buses for the mandatory quarantine of seven days as per government protocol. A few weeks back, two special flights had reached Indore and passengers were quarantined in Bhopal. 48 of those passengers had later tested Covid positive.

Monsoon session of Vidhan Sabha by July-end

The Vidhan Sabha's monsoon session is likely to be convened by July-end. Social distancing norms for the MLAs will be strictly followed for which the Assembly Secretariat has already started working on it. There is no space crunch in the central hall of Assembly, as it used to house 320 MLAs of undivided MP till the year 2000. While the total strength of the House is 230, the present strength owing to resignations by 22 MLAs and death of two MLAs is only 206, meaning over 100 seats are vacant in the Hall. As the government is yet to present the budget, it's likely that the state budget is presented in the monsoon session in July-end.

No 'Charan Sparsh' remark for cops

The use of the word 'Charan-Sparash' (Touch your feet) by cops while greeting seniors has been banned in four districts of Madhya Pradesh. IG, Rewa Zone, Chanchal Shekhar has issued a circular recently for all cops of Rewa, Satna, Sidhi and Singrauli districts, banning the use of word 'Charan-Sparsh' while meeting their seniors in person or talking/messaging over phone. Instead words such as 'Namaskar', 'Jai Hind' and 'Good Morning/Good Evening' should be used. Shekhar has also asked the cops to end the practice of physically touching the feet of senior as mark of respect.

69 people have now been killed in an attack by Boko Haram in northern Nigeria on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	37	25	SNY	Los Angeles	32	18	SNY
Colombo	32	25	TDS	Melbourne	19	15	LC
Doha	36	26	SNY	Moscow	18	11	LR
Dubai	37	26	SNY	New York	12	7	LR
Houston	30	18	SNY	Singapore	33	26	TDS
Istanbul	21	12	LC	Toronto	11	4	SNY
London	18	6	SNY	Washington DC	13	7	HR

LAFAYETTE

Plane hit, flipped woman's car before deadly crash

A Louisiana woman was surprising her husband with breakfast when a plane hit her vehicle, causing it to flip several times and catch fire, according to a lawsuit filed over the December crash. Kristie Danielle Britt is suing the owners, pilot and insurers of the plane that crashed near a post office in Lafayette, Louisiana, on its way to Atlanta for the Peach Bowl.

WASHINGTON

Biden teams up with Harris to raise $3.5 million

Indian-origin California Senator Kamala Harris has joined former vice president and 2020 Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden to raise $3.5 million for the upcoming November elections. Tuesday's fundraiser is the second-largest single event haul so far for the Biden campaign, which raised $4 million at one event earlier this month.

ROME

Italy's migrant rescue boats back to sea after a hiatus

Two charity boats have headed back to the Mediterranean after a two-month hiatus in migrant rescue operations, as humanitarian groups await a new wave of arrivals. An Italian NGO said on Tuesday night that its chartered boat, Mare Jonio, had left the Sicilian port of Trapani to patrol the central Mediterranean on its eighth mission.

JERUSALEM

Israel spy agency told to stop virus phone tracking

Israel's government must stop using its domestic security agency to tackle the novel coronavirus by tracking mobile phone data, the head of a parliamentary committee said on Wednesday. The government had approved Shin Bet's use of surveillance as an emergency measure in mid-March as mounting numbers of Israelis tested positive for the Covid-19.

WASHINGTON

US calls for Libya ceasefire, protection of oil reserves

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday backed calls for a ceasefire in Libya, urging the warring parties to keep out Russian influence and preserve the country's oil. Libya's UN-recognized government has made significant headway in recent weeks in fighting back strongman Khalifa Haftar, whose backer Egypt has called for a ceasefire.

GENEVA

WTO backs Australia's neutral cigarette packs

The World Trade Organization's appeals body on Tuesday upheld Australia's right to require neutral packaging for cigarettes and cigars, rejecting arguments from two tobacco-growing nations. In 2014, a range of countries, including major tobacco producers launched separate complaints before the WTO, saying the Australian legislation harmed their business.

BRUSSELS

EU leader backs Twitter in Trump fact-check row

Brussels waded into the dispute between President Donald Trump and Twitter on Wednesday, backing the US social media giant's decision to fact-check two tweets by the US leader. "I support the Twitter reaction to tweets of President Trump," Vera Jourova (pic), the European Commission vice-president for values and transparency tweeted.

Less restrictions from Monday

Most European countries have either already opened their borders to visitors from the EU, the UK and the Schengen area or will do so starting from Monday. Here's a look

AUSTRIA: GATES OPEN TO VISITORS FROM 31 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Beginning June 16, Austria will open up to all European neighbours with the exception of Spain, Portugal, Sweden and Britain, meaning that visitors from 31 countries will no longer be required to undergo a two-week quarantine upon arrivals. Austria was among the first in the EU to close borders

BELGIUM: THOSE FROM E.U., SCHENGEN AREA WELCOME

Belgium will reopen its borders to travellers from the EU, Britain and members of Europe's passport-free travel zone on June 15. As with travel to and from outside Europe, conditions will be defined later on in light of the discussions at the European Union level

GERMANY: TRAVEL BEYOND EUROPE BANNED TILL AUG-END

From June 15, Germans will be able to travel freely again to EU member states as well Britain, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. However, travel warning for more than 160 countries outside Europe has been extended until the end of August.

ITALY: GATES TO E.U. ALREADY OPEN

Italy on June 3 opened its borders to visitors from the EU, the UK and the Schengen area. Travellers from these countries/regions will not have to undergo a 14-day quarantine.

SPAIN: WAIT TILL JULY

Spain will welcome international visitors from July 1. Until then, entry will be only for Spanish citizens

Governments are moving at different speeds to rebuild air links within the bloc | AFP

EU aims to relax curbs on foreign travellers by July

Bloc's top diplomat calls for a gradual and partial reopening of EU's external borders

BRUSSELS

THE European Union said on Wednesday it is hoping to reopen its external borders to foreigners in July as leaders look to loosen the economic strangulation of coronavirus virus lockdowns that are triggering steep global downturns across the world.

While bloc's member states have the final say on border measures, Brussels is suggesting a "gradual and partial" reopening of external frontiers to travellers from outside the bloc starting on July 1, diplomatic chief Josep Borrell told journalists on Wednesday.

Beaches and other top tourism sites on the continent have already been prepping for visitors despite deep uncertainty about the future of travel.

Marshalling a coordinated plan across the the 27-member bloc may be a challenge, and Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Johansson said last week that not all countries agreed on the criteria for reopening borders, with some in more of a hurry than others.

Greece, whose economy depends heavily on tourism, has already announced it will reopen its skies from June 15 to a list of countries, including non-EU states such as Australia, China and South Korea.

Austria, meanwhile, said Wednesday it would allow free travel from most European nations in mid-June, but with exceptions for Spain, the UK and several other countries for which testing or quarantines will be required.

And Germans will be free to travel to EU member states on Monday, though the country has decided to extend its warning against travel outside the EU until August 31.

As barriers to movement start to lift, the virus is still gaining ground in countries around world, particularly in Latin America which has logged more than 1.4 million cases. *Agencies*

Sweden names chief suspect in PM murder

STOCKHOLM

SWEDISH prosecutors on Wednesday named their main suspect in the 1986 killing of prime minister Olof Palme, closing the murder case that has gripped the Scandinavian country for more than three decades.

The suspect was named as Stig Engstrom, a former advertising consultant known for his staunch opposition to Palme's leftwing policies and who is now dead.

Palme was gunned down on the evening of February 28, 1986, after leaving a Stockholm cinema with his wife, having dismissed his bodyguards for the evening.

Palme was shot in the back by his assailant, who quickly fled the scene and left the 59-year-old to die in a pool of blood on the sidewalk.

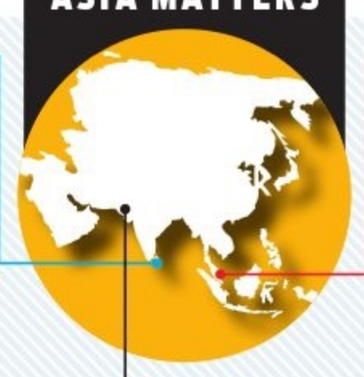
Olof Palme was gunned down in February 1986

The gruesome murder shocked Swedes, and the country is said to have "lost its innocence" that day.

More than 10,000 people have been questioned over the years, and 134 people have confessed to the crime though none has been credibly tied to it.

Chief prosecutor Krister Petersson said they had zeroed in on Engstrom as the main suspect. Engstrom was questioned as a witness early on but police deemed him unreliable after he changed his story several times. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS



SRI LANKA

Lanka sets Aug 5 date for parliamentary polls

Sri Lanka's twice-postponed parliamentary polls will now be held on August 5 by following the Covid-19 health guidelines, election commission chairman Mahinda Deshapriya announced on Wednesday. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on March 2 dissolved the Parliament, six months ahead of schedule, and called for snap polls on April 25. However, the election commission in mid-April postponed the elections by nearly two months to June 20 due to the coronavirus outbreak

SINGAPORE

Local firm to start trial of new virus treatment

A Singapore-based biotechnology firm will begin human clinical trials next week for a potential monoclonal antibody treatment for Covid-19 that could slow down the progression of the disease in patients and help them recover faster

PAKISTAN

WHO calls for new lockdown as virus cases surge

The World Health Organization has told Pakistan it should implement "intermittent" lockdowns to counter a surge in coronavirus infections that has come as the country loosens restrictions, officials said. Since the start of Pakistan's outbreak in March, Prime Minister Imran Khan opposed a nationwide lockdown of the sort seen elsewhere, arguing the impoverished country could not afford it

Brazil to resume publishing virus data after court rebuke

RIO DE JANEIRO

A Brazilian Supreme Court justice ordered the government of President Jair Bolsonaro to resume publication of full Covid-19 data, including the cumulative death toll, following allegations the government was trying to hide the severity of the pandemic.

The government complied with the decision on Tuesday afternoon. Justice Alexandre de Moraes said late Monday that the government is obliged to provide necessary information to Brazilian citizens, days after the Health Ministry scrubbed the cumulative death toll from the new coronavirus from its website.

De Moraes said in his decision that the gravity of the pandemic, which has killed more than 38,400 Brazilians, requires transparency from the government as the country shapes policies to curb the virus. Brazil's health ministry stopped publishing the number of total Covid-19 deaths and confirmed coronavirus cases on Friday.

Health workers attend to a Covid-19 patient at a municipal hospital in Brazil's capital on Tuesday | AP

The restriction on the release of data, combined with its announcement after evening news programs had ended, generated widespread criticism. Gilmar Mendes, another justice, said Saturday that manipulation of data is a tactic of authoritarian regimes and that hiding the numbers wouldn't exempt the government from responsibility for the pandemic's heavy toll.

Facing intense criticism, a top Health Ministry official told reporters on Monday night that the ministry would restore the cumulative death toll to its website, but with changes to the methodology for how daily deaths are tallied. *AFP*

FLOYD PROTESTS

Columbus statue set on fire, thrown into lake

RICHMOND

A statue of Christopher Columbus in Richmond was torn down by protesters, set on fire and then thrown into a lake. The figure was toppled less than two hours after protesters gathered in the city's Byrd Park were chanting for the statue to be taken down, news outlets reported.

After the figure was removed from its pedestal around 8.30 pm Tuesday by protesters using several ropes, a sign that reads, 'Columbus represents genocide' was placed on the spray-painted foundation that once held the statue. It was then set on fire and rolled into a lake in the park, *NBC 12* reported.

There was no police presence in the park, but a police helicopter was seen circling the area after the city-owned figure was torn down.

Statue removed in UK

The statue of prominent British slave trader Robert Milligan, who owned sugar plantations and slaves in 18th century Jamaica, has been removed from its site at West India Quay in London

Protesters erected a sign that read 'Columbus represents genocide' before pushing the statue into a lake | AP

The Tower Hamlets Council said it had launched its own review for the local borough to reassess how 'troubling' aspects of the city's history should be addressed.

There were cheers as the monument was lifted from its plinth using a crane on Tuesday evening. *Agencies*

NEW YORK STATE VOTES TO END POLICE SECRECY LAW

NEW YORK

NEW York state lawmakers repealed a decades-old law on Tuesday that has kept law enforcement officers' disciplinary records secret, spurred by the national uproar over the death of George Floyd.

The measure to make officers' records and misconduct complaints public is among several police accountability bills racing through the state legislature.

Others would provide all state troopers with body cameras and ensure that police officers provide medical and mental health attention to people in custody.

Many of those bills were first proposed years ago, but got new momentum after huge protests nationwide condemned police brutality.

The passage came as criminal charges were brought Tuesday against an NYPD officer over his rough treatment of a protester during demonstrations following the death of Floyd, who pleaded he could not breathe as a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee on his neck May 25.

Eliminating the law, known as Section 50-a, would make

complaints against officers, as well as transcripts and final dispositions of disciplinary proceedings, public for the first time in decades.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has recently supported reforming the law, has said in the wake of the protests that he will sign the repeal. Only Delaware has a similar law.

Floyd laid to rest

Hundreds of teary-eyed mourners wearing face masks attended the solemn funeral service of George Floyd.

Floyd, an African-American, was laid to rest on Tuesday as hymns played in the background and his friends and family shared personal stories about him and made impassioned pleas for racial justice in America.

On Tuesday, a white horse-drawn carriage transported Floyd's golden casket during the final mile of his funeral procession, towards the cemetery, to be buried next to his mother.

Braving the scorching heat, hundreds of mourners started gathering outside the church early in the morning to have a last glimpse of Floyd.

One of Floyd's brothers, who attended the service, termed him as his own "personal superman." *AP*

In a first, black general to lead US Air Force

WASHINGTON

THE Senate on Tuesday unanimously confirmed Gen. Charles Brown Jr (pic) as chief of staff of the US Air Force, making him the first black officer to lead one of the nation's military services.

Vice President Mike Pence took the unusual step of presiding over the vote, something he usually does to break ties.

Brown most recently served

as the commander of US Pacific Air Forces. He is a fighter pilot, with more than 2,900 flying hours, including 130 in combat.

He posted a video on social media Friday describing a lifetime of dealing with racial bias.

"I'm thinking about my Air Force career where I was often the only African American in my squadron or, as a senior officer, the only African American in the room," he said.

He has served in a variety of positions at the squadron and wing levels, and commanded a fighter squadron and two fighter wings. *AP*

EMPLOYEES URGE MICROSOFT TO CANCEL CONTRACTS WITH POLICE

Washington: Over 200 Microsoft employees have urged CEO Satya Nadella to cancel the company's contracts with the Seattle police department and other law enforcement agencies amid widespread calls in the US to defund the police following the custodial killing of African-American George Floyd. There has been a growing demand from a section of the Americans to defund the police after a white police officer knelt on Floyd's neck for over eight minutes despite his repeated pleas that he can't breathe on May 25 in Minneapolis. The internal email, which included more than 250 employees, was sent on Monday, addressed to Nadella and executive Vice President Kurt DelBene, with the subject line 'Our neighborhood has been turned into a warzone', according to a report in *OneZero*

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹2,119.3

Target Price ₹2,420

Hindustan Unilever: HUL has managed to restore 75-80% of supply chain despite the ongoing lockdown demonstrating HUL's efficiency well ahead of peers. We remain positive on HUL from a medium-term perspective due to (a) best of breed earnings growth potential beyond the near term owing to its portfolio and execution strengths, (b) significant synergies in FY22E as a result of GSKCH.

– Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd

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EXPRESS READ

VIRUS SHOT

DOMESTIC PHARMA INDUSTRY TO GROW 3-5% THIS FISCAL: IND-RA

New Delhi: India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) on Wednesday said the pharmaceutical sector is expected to grow 3-5 per cent year-on-year in the current financial year despite coronavirus-led lockdown. The agency also expects monthly revenue improvements of drug firms from June. "Additionally, the seasonality in the domestic business will support the recovery. Also, the continuous rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in the country will result in further volume growth in related therapies," it noted. Besides, pharma companies' large cash balances along with diversified funding sources will mitigate any impact of the lockdown.

START-UP

AMAZON INDIA ROPES IN 3.7 LAKH SELLERS FOR 'MSME ACCELERATE'

New Delhi: Amazon kickstarted its MSME Accelerate initiative on Wednesday to provide a platorm to nearly 3.7 lakh sellers for catering to the businesses which are creatinng a safe working environment as employees resume normal functioning. The programme will run till June 20 and will feature selection, deals, discounts and savings . Businesses can get access to over 4,000 exclusive deals in addition to a 10 per cent cashback on orders above ₹1,499 and save more with GST input tax credit and bulk discounts, Amazon said. MSME customers can leverage the event, as a one-stop destination to access a wide range of products.

FUNDRAISE

CHENNAI-BASED WAYCOOL GETS $5.5 MN IN DEBT FINANCING

New Delhi: Chennai-based start-up, WayCool Foods, an agri-tech firm, on Wednesday said it has received $5.5 million debt financing from IndusInd Bank. U S International Development Finance Corporation has extended a 100 per cent guarantee to the company's latest round of fund raising of $5.5 million. Notably, earlier this year the company had raised $32 million in Series C round led by Lightbox. The company plans to use the funds to introduce advanced technology, implement strict hygiene measures, and increase transportation efficiency to strengthen it's food distribution across South India, it said in a statement.

MARKET WATCH

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290.36 ▲ Sensex	34,247.05	69.50 ▲ Nifty	10,116.15		₹47 ▲ 24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,898	₹47 ▲ 22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,494	₹900 ▲ Per kg	₹48,300	₹0.90 ▲ Per gm	₹48.30	▼ Dollar	75.59	▲ Euro	85.93

Fear of low income disrupts household borrowings

With fewer takers for bank loans, household's gross financial liabilities have turned negative in first quarter of the current financial year

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Hyderabad

HOUSEHOLDS' gross financial liabilities turned negative in Q1 of FY20 as individuals took fewer bank loans, according to the Reserve Bank of India.

Bank borrowings, which comprise the highest share in households' financial liabilities, contracted to 1.5 per cent in Q1 of FY20 partly due to seasonal factors, but largely led by an uncertain future income growth and banks' risk aversion, the central bank noted.

For the first time, the RBI on Wednesday published quarterly data joining select countries that publish household savings once every three months. And the sequential trends in the composition of outstanding financial assets offer some interesting insights.

According to the report, households' reliance on banks for loans and deposits saw a secular decline with FY20 witnessing a significant drop in the share of borrowings from the banking sector in total liabilities reflecting both slowdown and risk aversion of banks. In continuation, Covid-19 related uncertainties resulted in an outflow from mutual funds and a flight to currency holdings. Though bank borrowings fell in Q1, they moderated in subsequent quarters in line with the general trend where borrowings moderate in Q1, but peaks in Q4.

For the full year FY20, households' outstanding loans from commercial banks accounted for the bulk at 76 per cent, followed by the HFCs, NBFCs, cooperative banks and credit societies. It's expected that net financial assets of households will likely rise in the current quarter led by a sharp drop in lockdown-induced consumption.

Lags in the pickup of economic activity may cause the financial surplus of households to taper off in subsequent quarters. With construction at a standstill, there's a possibility of a shift by households from physical to financial assets. Bank deposits, which declined persistently starting from September quarter of FY17 saw an uptick nearly two years later as private banks competed aggressively to raise deposits.

Bank deposits

Net financial assets of households moderated in FY19, reflecting higher consumption expenditure. A year later, however, they gathered pace touching 7.7% of GDP due to moderation in household loans being sharper than bank deposits, except in Q4 of FY20.

UNLIKE MOODY'S

S&P upholds India's credit rating at 'BBB'

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DAYS after Moody's downgraded India's sovereign rating, S&P on Wednesday retained long-term rating at BBB- (negative) with a stable outlook, and short-term rating at A3. It expects India's GDP growth to contract by five per cent this fiscal, maintained that risks to growth were on the rise, and that the much-awaited economic recovery and fiscal stabilisation was visible only from 2021 onwards. Which is why, S&P affirmed the country's long-term rating at BBB- with a stable outlook.

Subsequently, it also expects the government's fiscal deficit to recede significantly following a multi-year high during the fiscal.

"The stable outlook reflects our expectation that India's economy will recover following the containment of Covid-19 pandemic and the country will maintain its sound net external position," it said, adding while risks to India's long term growth rate were rising, ongoing economic reforms, if executed well, should keep India's growth rate ahead of peers. Fiscal deficit will touch a staggering 11 per cent of the GDP during the current year, largely led by the pandemic-related spending. That said, the government's ability to consolidate its finances as the economy begins to recover will determine the sustainability of debt stock, it noted. S&P also observed that India's current account deficit may decline this fiscal, and could improve over the forecast period, largely owing to its improved trade on weaker oil prices.

Suspension of IIP, inflation data till July on the cards

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

THE government is considering the proposal of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) to suspend publishing of IIP and inflation data till July 31, citing difficulty in collecting data due to the coronavirus-induced lockdown.

According to sources in MoSPI department, there is real difficulty in collecting data. "Due to the lockdown, collecting data has become a challenge. Sharing of information from states is delayed and field officials are not being able to visit field. The limited data will not present correct picture of the economy," a senior official with MOSPI said.

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> MoSPI official

Given the present scenario, the official added that they have asked to discontinue publishing data till July 31. However, many officials in finance and Commerce Ministry feel that this may further create confusion, and has advised that the department publish the data and revise it later.

A final call however was not taken on this as there was no consensus so far on the matter. The provisional figure for CPI inflation for April was not released due to the nationwide lockdown.

In general case scenario, the price data for calculation of CPI is collected from selected 1,114 urban markets and selected 1,181 villages through personal visits by field staff of NSO, MoSPI on a weekly roster.

However, due to the lockdown, the price collection through personal visits of price collectors was suspended with effect from March 19, 2020.

Even now, most works are done telephonically. "This is not about not releasing data. We will be sharing it internally to concerned ministries. But will publish all these monthly numbers post July when things become normal," the official added.

The government has published IIP numbers for March and the next publication is expected on Tuesday. Typically, the IIP and inflation data are published on the 12th of every month. On similar grounds, the government has also discontinued publishing GST collection data since April, but it is expected to resume it July end.

'PUT MONEY IN PEOPLE'S HANDS'

CALLS for measures to prop up demand urgently have occupied centre-stage in most corporate wishlists and the Lenovo India CEO's is no different. On Wednesday, ***Rahul Agarwal***, chief executive of the China-headquartered computer major, sat down for a chat with author and senior journalist ***Kaveree Bamzai*** as part TNIE's *Express Expressions*, a series of live webcasts with people who matter. Excerpts:

There is a lot of talk about Aatma Nirbhar and you are in an unenviable position of running a China-led firm... We don't know what that means, to be honest. I don't think it's being interpreted in the right spirit. Because the world is integrated and we need FDI. So, this cannot mean isolation. It means that India has to become self sufficient. Our per capita GDP is low, half our population lives in substandard living conditions. That is not atma nirbhar. Our fiscal deficit is quite high, our exports are not that high, our balance of payments can improve. Those things, I think, is more about us becoming atma nirbhar.

Do you have a wish list from the government?

The government has a very tough job and you can't please everyone. But, I feel that it is assumed that the large enterprises will take care of themselves, which I think is not true. Our playground may be bigger, but we have challenges, too.

If I were to ask the government to do something, I would say pull up demand. People are losing jobs, not getting increments... For the larger good, the government should take the bitter pill of leaving more money in the hands of the middle class. They are the ones who will spend.

What are the pros of Work From Home and should it become the new normal?

I think a hybrid approach is good. Work from home gives some flexibility. For me, I feel so much better, I have hot lunch at home, I've reduced the number of meetings, I have more time to think.

The flip side, however, is a reality. Many people may not have comfortable living spaces or private enough workplaces. And, there are always 5-10 per cent of people who will take advantage. But, we need to move past this, because it is not like the 10 per cent delivered more anyway. We also have to move from an input-based to an output-based system (while assessing work). So, what if (employees) are at a movie. What is important is what they are supposed to deliver for the company and if they are doing that.

What do you see happening if workers do not return?

I'm now not sure that migrants will not come back because it is a paradox for them. Maybe, the social fabric is stronger, they have a more spacious house. But the income is pathetic back there. Here, I think they earn money, but they're away from their loved ones. So, I'm not clear. Some might have to come back, while some may find refuge in farming. But, let's see.

Is this an opportunity to reinvent the rural market?

A market depends on two factors: need and a buying capability. If you look at computers, people were not sure about the need and it is still an expensive product. A good laptop still costs you at least ₹Rs 30,000. I think that rural market penetration is less than 2%. For metros it is 50%, so the opportunities are there. But, it all depends on peoples' incomes.

Govt's pet project Bharatmala Phase-1 to get delayed by four years: ICRA

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE central government's pet Bharatmala Pariyojana (BMP) Phase –I is likely to be delayed by four years on account of the viral pandemic, rating agency ICRA said on Wednesday.

According to the agency, the project is now likely to get completed by 2025-26 instead of the earlier envisaged 2021-22. That apart, the prevailing uncertainty due to Covid-19 and the consequent impact on valuations could also delay asset monetisation plan of NHAI– toll-operate-transfer (ToT) auctions and launch of infrastructure investment trust (InvIT). "As of March 2020, 16,219 km of BMP (around 47 per cent of BMP) was pending to be awarded. We expect the awards to remain in the range of 3,000-3,200 km in FY21 and increase thereafter when NHAI completes its proposed fund raising through infrastructure investment trust. With pick-up in awards starting FY22, the Bharatmala awarding activity is only expected to get completed by FY23," says Shubham Jain, senior vice-president, corporate ratings, ICRA.

Jain added that about 21 per cent of BMP execution is completed as on March 31, 2020. Given the limited labour, and productivity loss due to the coronavirus-led lockdown, ICRA expects the pace of execution for FY21 to remain low at 3,104 km and thereafter witness an increase by 10-15 per cent in FY22 (on base of FY20) before peaking in FY24. The pending works are expected to be completed by FY26, it added.

Earlier in October 2017, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the BMP Phase-I along with other programmes. A total of around 34,800 km are being considered in BMP Phase I which also includes 10,000 km of balanced road works under NHDP. Meanwhile, the government has set an ambitious target of awarding contracts for 20,000 kms and building 15,000 kms of highways in FY21 despite total onstruction falling to 210 km in Apri as against 792 km in 2019.

ON THE SLOW LANE

₹5.3 lakh — Estimated outlay for BMP Phase I

₹2.4 lakh — Cost of project granted till Feb, 2020

34,800 km — Size of construction considered under BMP Phase I

SUPREME VERDICT

Anxious IT employees pin hopes on top court

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

THOUSANDS of employees from IT/ITes and BPO industry are awaiting the Supreme Court's upcoming verdict on June 12 which would decide the fate of their employment and wages.

Earlier, the SC had reserved its order for a petition filed by a Karnataka based private firm, Ficus Pax in which the petitioner had challenged the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) advisory dated March 29 that directed the employers to pay wages to the employees during the 54 days period (effective for a period of 54 days). Additionally, the National Information Technology Employees Sena (NITES) also filed a separate petition in the apex court seeking action against firms that laid off employees during the lockdown period.

Following the March 29 MHA advisory, the state labour departments had shot off notices to various companies directing them not to fire employees or reduce their wages during the lockdown. NITES General Secretary Harpreet Saluja who is also one of the petitioners, however, said that the association has received thousands of complaints from employees who have been retrenched or their salaries has been cut in violation of the notified guidelines

"Employers have gone ahead with layoffs, pay cuts despite the government order questioning the constitutional validity of the MHA advisory. There was some ambiguity over the earlier hearings due to which the companies fired employees and cut their salaries even during that stipulated 54 days period," Saluja said. The apex court has now reportedly sought details of the financial statements of companies who have laid off staff or denied them wages as as the Centre believes that "financial incapacity" is a legally untenable ground to challenge a direction issued by a authority in exercise of its statutory power. So far, companies such as Hexaware Technologies, Amdocs and Wipro have been accused of retrenchments during the lockdown.

REVENUE DEFICIT

CENTRE RELEASES ₹6,195 CR AS GRANTS TO 14 STATES

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Centre has released the third equated monthly installment of ₹6,195 crore to 14 states from post devolution revenue deficit grant to help them tide over the coronavirus-led crisis. "...this would provide them additional resources during the corona crisis," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's office shared in a tweet. The grant had been released for Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Punjab, West Bengal, Sikkim and six north-eastern states excluding Arunachal Pradesh. Of the 14 states, the maximum grant-in-aid has gone to Kerala (₹1,277 crore), followed by Himachal Pradesh (₹953 crore), Punjab (₹638 crore), among others.

Microsoft's first venture fund office opens in Bengaluru

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU has joined the elite league of cities such as San Francisco, Seattle, London and Tel Aviv where world's largest tech company, Microsoft has its venture fund offices. Microsoft said that its venture fund (M12) office located in India's silicon valley, Bengaluru, will focus on investments in startups that provide enterprise software solutions.

The tech giant will invest in startups in the early as well as late funding stages (Series A through D) that have local and cross-border solutions. The office will pursue investment opportunities across the region, focusing on B2B software startups in the sectors of applied AI, business applications, infrastructure, security, and vanguard technologies, Microsoft said in a statement.

At a time when the Covid-19 pandemic has cast its shadow on the investment market, Microsoft's initiative is likely to aid the startups in the country faced with fund crunch challenges. The global firm said that it had remotely invested in two startups, Fareye and Innovacer, in 2019 in India.

The deep technical and business talent from India's world-class engineering schools and major R&D centers are among the primary draws to the region, it added.

"Typically, we see the greatest hurdles in a startup's journey as they scale from local success to global challengers, and then again when they go on to become category leaders. Both inflection points require specific and deep organizational strength, proven talent, GTM partnerships, and global investors. M12 is proud to be co-located in the region, and to bring experience and resources that will help startups successfully navigate these inflection points," Abhi Kumar, India Lead for M12, (Microsoft's venture fund) said.

M12 has so far invested in 90 companies globally since its inception in 2016. Post investment, the startups can either join the Portfolio development team at Microsoft or explore market, technology resources through the global firm's connections. The M12 investors are also given a board seat as a part of their investments.

Delayed knee recovery forces Federer to miss 2020 season

Roger Federer will miss whatever remains of the 2020 season because of delayed recovery after his knee-surgery in February. "Now, much like I did leading up to the 2017 season, I plan to take the necessary time to be 100% ready to play at my highest level. I will look forward to seeing everyone back on tour at the start of the 2021 season," Federer said in a tweet.

₹7.8K cr facelift plan for JN Stadium

Sports ministry invites bids with aim to make venue fit for Olympics, PPP model to be followed

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

THE iconic Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in the heart of New Delhi is set to get an overhaul at a massive cost of a projected ₹7,853 crore, if the sports ministry's proposed Public Private Partnership model gets through. The stadium built for the 1982 Asian Games which hosted the 2010 Commonwealth Games after getting a facelift may see more sports infrastructure and commercial complexes including badminton courts, swimming pools and even service apartments.

The sports ministry on Wednesday invited bids. Called "Request for Proposal for Selection of Financial Consultant and Transaction Adviser for redevelopment of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi through PPP", the bid papers can be obtained by interested parties.

Besides commercialising and maximising utilisation of space, the ministry also wants the complex to be suitable for hosting Olympics and other multi-national events. India has been showing an interest in hosting multi-discipline events like Asian Games and Olympics.

"The overarching objective is to promote holistic development of the stadium complex based on an integral economic base that promotes world class standards for Sports confirming to standards of International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIFA, World Athletics and other such international Sports bodies, so that the stadium complex becomes capable of hosting Olympic events and other multi sporting International events," said a ministry document.

"In line with the Government of India's asset monetization mandate, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Sports has decided to redevelop/develop Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, to unlock value from optimal utilisation of its iconic sporting asset," said the document. The whole project will be on "Design, Build Finance, Operate and Transfer" (DBFOT). The details will be chalked out later.

With facilities for sports climbing, rappelling etc; zip lining, obstacle courses/ paintball, bowling alley, virtual reality arcade, go karting, yoga, zumba, etc

FEASIBILITY STUDY

"The Authority has decided to conduct a feasibility study for determining the technical feasibility and financial viability of the Project. If found feasible and viable, the Project may be awarded on DBFOT basis to a private entity (the "Concessionaire") selected through a competitive bidding process." — Application document

The projected cost is based on a Draft Pre-feasibility Report prepared by Ernst & Young LLP for Niti Aayog. This report suggests adding a multi-use indoor sports hall without seating to accommodate one indoor basketball or two badminton courts or four table tennis courts of international standard and a 10m shooting range. The complex is nearly 100 acres.

These could be used under pay-and-play scheme as well. It also proposes a 50m swimming pool, tennis courts and recreation centres. Within the stadium there is a possibility of renting out space for food courts and sports goods outlets. The ministry would want the complex's real estate potential to be leveraged as well.

Going by sports ministry's bid document, the consultant team should have key personnel like financial expert-cum-team leader, real estate expert, PPP/infrastructure expert and sports infrastructure management expert. The role of sports management expert points towards hosting Olympics once again. "Transforming JNS to be capable of hosting Olympics and other international multi-sporting events," said the document.

ICC to decide on T20 WC in July

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE International Cricket Council (ICC) has deferred until next month a decision on the T20 World Cup scheduled in Australia in October-November. The ICC Board featuring heads of 12 Test-playing nations and six others including chairman Shashank Manohar decided at its meeting on Wednesday that the world body will continue to explore "contingency plans".

It was an important meeting from the BCCI's point of view, considering that it wants to hold the IPL later this year if the T20 World Cup is cancelled due to the global Covid-19 situation. However, with the ICC Board putting on hold a decision, the BCCI's wait gets longer. President Sourav Ganguly represented BCCI in the meeting held over tele-conference.

"The ICC Board agreed to continue exploring a number of contingency plans regarding the future of the Men's T20 World Cup 2020 and the Women's World Cup 2021 until next month whilst planning for delivery of the events in the scheduled window is ongoing. The Board expressed its desire to continue to assess and evaluate the rapidly changing public health situation caused by Covid-19 working with key stakeholders including governments to explore how the events can be staged to protect the health and safety of everyone involved," said ICC.

Dec deadline for tax issue

The ICC also said the BCCI has been given time until December to sort out the taxation issue regarding World Cups or other ICC events in India. The Indian government doesn't grant tax exemption to these competitions and the ICC deducts the tax amount from the BCCI's share of the world body's revenue. The BCCI is in the process of approaching the government for tax exemption. India is scheduled to host the 2021 T20 World Cup and 2023 50-over World Cup.

Mani to join probe

The ICC also announced that Pakistan Cricket Board chief Ehsan Mani and the world body's independent director Indra Nooyi will "support" the probe into breach of confidentiality conducted by the ICC ethics officer. The ICC thinks some of its Board decisions are leaked to the media and initiated the probe at its previous meeting on May 28.

BARCA IN FOR A TEST

The Catalans may be table-toppers but they have a trickier end to the season than second-placed Real. Apart from a trip to Sevilla (third), they also face Atletico Madrid, Villarreal, and Athletic Bilbao. To compound matters, the defending champions have only 18 fit senior players on their books.

HAZARD BOOST FOR REAL

When the season began, Real had made the right moves in the window, bringing in Eden Hazard. However, the Belgian — thanks to loss of form as well an ankle injury in February — has failed to live up to expectations. But with a prolonged break helping him recharge his batteries, it remains to be seen if he can recapture his form.

RED-HOT SOCIEDAD COULD CAUSE SOME FLUTTERS

They were the flavour of the month before the pandemic struck. With the exciting Martin Odegaard pulling the strings, they are an exciting team to watch. The 45 goals they have scored put them third behind Barcelona and Real in this metric. Can they keep up the good work? A home fixture against Real on Sunday night will offer some clues.

Football returns to Spain

With La Liga set to restart its stalled season on Thursday night, here's a look at how things stand in the tournament at the moment...

FIXTURES (ALL TIMES IST)

Sevilla vs Real Betis (1.30 am on Friday morning), Granada vs Getafe (11.00 pm on Friday). Valencia vs Levante (1.30 am on Saturday morning), Espanyol vs Alaves (5.30 pm on Saturday). Celta vs Villarreal (8.30 pm on Saturday). Leganes vs Valladolid (11.00 pm on Saturday). Mallorca vs Barcelona (1.30 am on Sunday). Athletic vs Atletico (5.30 pm on Sunday). Real Madrid vs Eibar (11.00 pm on Sunday).

TOP FIVE

TEAM	M	W	D	L	PT
BARCELONA	27	18	4	5	58
REAL	27	16	8	3	56
SEVILLA	27	13	8	6	47
SOCIEDAD	27	14	4	9	46
GETAFE	27	13	7	7	46

PROCEEDINGS TO BEGIN WITH SEVILLE DERBY

It may not be the biggest match in Spain but the Seville derby, the match that will reopen La Liga, has a certain gravitas attached to it. Fiercely contested usually, the hosts have extra incentive to go for the three points. At third, they can go four points clear of fifth-placed Getafe with a win.

EXPRESS READ

KSCA plan to start season from July first week

BENGALURU: A revised calendar has been worked out by the Karnataka State Cricket Association, who is planning to tentatively start their cricket season from the first week of July. "However, all this is subject to conditions being normal for playing cricket," stated the KSCA release on Wednesday. The state body is also going to come up with a standard operating procedure with all the do's and don't's for players, who have to follow that during matches and practice too. Vinay Mruthyunjaya, KSCA spokesperson and treasurer, told this daily that the players can make use of net facilities at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium from next month.

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No.KBJNL/NRBC/D-4/PB/2020-21/213 Date:-06-06-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-tendering only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NRBC Division-4, Chikkahonnakuni invites two coverpercentage tenders from eligible KPWD Class I or KBJNL Category III & Above Contractors as mentioned in the as per col.5 for the work as detailed in the table below. The Tenderers may submit their Tender for the works given in the table through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka viz., http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from 09.06.2020 to 17.06.2020 upto 5.00PM.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORKS MENTIONED IN THE E-TENDERING

Sl.	Name of Work	APT (Amount Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Amount Rs in lakhs)	Eligible Class of Contractor	Stipulated period for Completion of work (including monsoon)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Removal of silt , jungle cutting and Improvements to service road in selected reaches of NRBC Dy-9(A) , Dy-17 and 18 including its branch Distributaries, laterals and sub laterals & KM 110.00 to 115.00 of NRBC main Canal	146.83	2.20	KPWD Class I or KBJNL Category III & Above	1 Month
2	Providing and Fixing New Sluice gates to D-9(A) @ Ch.54.12 of NRBC,and lateral No.1(R/s) and 2(L/s) on BD-1 ,lateral No.2(L/s) and lateral No.3(R/s) on BD-5 of Dy-18, Improvement of Embankment reaches SR & IP, Special repairs toDamaged structures & Lining in selected reaches of Dy-9(A), Dy-17 and Dy-18, including its branch Distributaries, laterals, and Sub laterals of NRBC.	122.33	1.83	KPWD Class I or KBJNL Category III & Above	1 Month

1) A pre-bid meeting will be conducted on 15.06.2020at 11.00 AM in the office of the undersigned for any queries regarding tenders. 2) Cover – I (Technical bid) and Cover – II (Financial bid) will be opened electronically in the office of the EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KBJNL, NRBC,Div.No.4,Chikkahonnakuni on 18.06.2020 at 11.00 AM and 20.06.2020 at 11.00 AM respectively. 3) Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index or in the O/o the undersigned during office hours on working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.4, CHIKKAHONNAKUNI.
DIP/Raichur/126/MC&A/2020-21

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, R.W.S.&S. DIVISION, JAJPUR AT: CHANDIKHOL.
Po- Dhanmandal, Dist- Jajpur PIN-754024
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No. 02 / 2020-21 dt. 08.06.2020

O-104: The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Jajpur at Chandikhol on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites bids through e-procurement in double cover system according to norm of eprocurement system in on-line mode from eligible contractors.

1.	Nature of work:	Supplying all construction materials, HDPE / GI pipes, valves, specials etc. and laying the pipeline, Constructing the pump house with compound wall, fitting and fixing of suitable motor and pump set in the production well, supplying, fitting and fixing of chlorine dozing system of approved make and specification, constructing RCC Elevated Storage Reservoirs of specified capacity, providing household connections etc. along with five years maintenance after one year of defect liability period etc. complete for the following PWS Schemes of Jajpur district.
2.	No. of works:	13 (Thirteen)
3.	Estimated Cost:	Rs 17.20 lakhs to Rs.102.78 lakhs
4.	Time for completion:	3 (three), 6 (six) & 9 (nine) months
5.	Cost of bidding document:	Rs.4000/-, Rs.6000/- & Rs.10000/-
6.	Class of Contractors eligible:	'D' & 'C', 'C' & 'B' and 'B' & 'A'
7.	Availability of bids on-line:	11 hour of 17.06.2020 to 17.00 hours of 26.06.2020
8.	Last date and time for seeking clarification:	up to 17.00 hours of 25.06.2020
9.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bid online:	11.00 hour of 29.06.2020
10.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bid	To be announced latter

Further details can be seen in the website https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in.

Sd/-08.06.20
Executive Engineer, R.W.S & S Division, Jajpur, (at: Chandikhol)
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O-108
E-mail address-serw_sundargarh@yahoo.com

1. Type of the Work : Road Work (DMF)
2. Total No. of works : 2 Nos. of Road (Percentage Rate Tender)
3. Estimated cost : Varies from Rs.288.94 Lakh to Rs.349.84 Lakh
4. Class of contractor : 'B' Class, 'A' Class & 'Special' Class
5. Period of completion : Nine to Eleven Calendar Months
6. Cost of tender paper : The Bidder shall transfer online the cost of bid document for Rs.10,000/- towards cost of Bid through a process as mentioned under DTCN.
7. EMD Required : The Bidder shall transfer online the Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security at the rate of 1% of the estimated cost put to tender as mentioned under DTCN. Exemption from EMD is permissible as per codal provisions of Govt. of Odisha.
8. APS : Additional Performance Security shall be obtained from the Bidder when the bid amount is less than estimated cost put to tender. In such an event, only the successful bidder who has quoted less bid price/rates than the estimated cost put to tender shall have to furnish the exact amount of differential cost i.e. estimated cost put to tender minus the quoted amount as Additional Performance Security (APS) in shape of Term Deposit Receipt pledged in favour of Division Officer / Bank Guarantee in favour of the Divisional Officer from any Nationalized / Scheduled Bank in India counter guaranteed by its local branch at Bhubaneswar within seven days of issue of Letter of Acceptance (LoA) by the Divisional Officer (by e-mail) to the successful bidder otherwise the bid of the successful bidder shall be cancelled and the Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security shall be forfeited. Further, proceeding for blacklisting shall be initiated against the bidder".
9. GST : Rate quoted by the Contractor shall be excluding GST. The GST as applicable for the work contract shall be payable to the contractor on each bill amount on production of tax invoice.
The prevailing rate of GST on the gross amount of bill will be deducted from the contractor bill as tax deduction at source (TDS) as per rule.
10. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Technical Bid Opening	Financial Bid Opening
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWS-ESNG-02 of 2020-21	19.06.2020 11:00 AM	10.07.2020 3:00 PM	09.07.2020 3:00 PM	16.07.2020 11:00 AM	Will be intimated separately

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
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E-Procurement Tender Notification

Sub:-: E-Procurement Tender Invited for Providing Services of Teachers, Data Entry Operator, FDA, SDA-Com Computer Operator, Cooks, Assistant Cooks, Night Watchman, Group-D & Vehicle Driver etc.

Tender Amount	90.00-00
Start date for upload Tender Form	03.06.2020
Last date to upload Tender Form	02.07.2020 5.00 'O' Clock
Opening Technical Bid Date	04.07.2020
Opening Financial Bid Date	08.07.2020
E.M.D. Amount	1.44 Lakhs
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Sd/- District Officer,
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Tender-01: Tender is invited for printing and supply of answer booklets and Practical booklets required for the Examinations of Karnataka State Diploma in Nursing Examination Board, Bengaluru.

Tender-02: Tender is invited for Scanning, Hosting and Processing Report Generation of Theory Answer Scripts for Digital Evaluation System.

Date of Publishing Tender Documents: 10.06.2020. Last date & time for submission of filled tenders: 09.07.2020 up to 4.00 PM. Date and time of opening the technical Bid: 13.07.2020 at 11.00 A.M. Date and time of opening the financial bid: 15.07.2020 at 11.00 A.M.

This Document and other details can be obtained from Karnataka Government's e-Procurement portal https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and helpline No: 080-25501216/227 or this office can be contacted on phone No: 080-26700074, 26700075 during office hours. Tender accepting authority reserves the right to cancel tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Secretary, KSDNEB, Bengaluru.

How new tech is helping monitor social distancing

These devices are designed to warn workers when they get too close to each other

WARNING BUZZ

WASHINGTON: As we emerge from the coronavirus lockdown, those of us who still have a workplace may not recognise it. Businesses, eager to limit liability for employees and customers, are considering a variety of emerging technologies for limiting pandemic spread.

These technologies can be loosely divided into two types: one based on cellphone technologies and the other using wearable devices like electronic bracelets and watches. Both approaches focus on maintaining social distancing, nominally six feet between any two workers based on the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and supported by some modelling.

Social distancing technologies are designed to warn workers when they get too close to each other, typically relying on communications that can travel only short distances.

Perhaps the most promising communication technology for social distancing is ultra-wideband, which enables precise distance measurements between devices. A more common medium is Bluetooth Low Energy, which is used for headphones and portable speakers, though it may produce less consistently accurate distance information depending on the environment.

Modern cellphones typically can communicate through both Bluetooth Low Energy technologies and sound. Late model iPhones also support ultra-wideband communications.

Contact tracing apps, which are used to alert people when they've been exposed to an infected person, generally use these media while loosely adhering to a common design. They include approaches focusing on privacy and security, or precise distance measurements using sound outside of the human hearing range.

However, with benefits comes the risk of privacy breach. Location data that is used by some contact tracing solutions can be intensely personal. It can identify, for example, with whom workers eat lunch or even what they purchased at the lunch counter. It can identify what fraction of the workday is spent by the water cooler, and even how often and for how long workers go to the bathroom.

Fortunately, some of the solutions do attempt to safeguard privacy in a variety of ways. Some of these prevent employers from accessing employee contact history. In these approaches, only employees who have been near an infected individual are alerted, either through feedback like a vibrating buzz or alerts on their smartphones. At the end of the day, social distancing technologies can help protect employees in a post-Covid world.

China's swine fever vaccine show progress in trials

CULLING COUNTER

BEIJING: A vaccine developed in China for African swine fever, which devastated the country's pig herd and caused pork prices to soar, is progressing smoothly, according to results reported on Wednesday.

The widespread outbreak of swine fever since August 2018 has disrupted the supply of pork in China, where it is a staple meat, with millions of animals culled. The disease wiped out about 40 per cent of the country's pig herd, causing prices to rocket as officials struggled to stabilise supplies. Authorities have since been looking into means of preventing the disease, and the vaccine strain passed a national review in December 2019, according to a report by the *China Science Daily* posted on the website of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS).

In March, the vaccine was approved by the agriculture ministry for clinical trials in northern Heilongjiang province, central Henan province and northwest Xinjiang region.

Clinical trials of the vaccine developed by the Harbin Veterinary Research Institute were seeing "smooth progress", according to the CAAS.

About 3,000 pigs are involved in the ongoing trials, launched between April and June, with the animals in "good condition", said the report.

Vaccinated sows have not shown abnormal clinical conditions or miscarriages, and the pigs have not made any toxic discharge of the vaccine.

A SUMMER RIDE

A camel driver talking over the phone as the dromedary trots the road looking for customers in Hyderabad on Wednesdayafter the city lifted restrictions that were imposed to control the novel coronavirus | SATHYA KEERTHI

WHO COMMENTS 'NOT CORRECT': FAUCI

MESSY

WASHINGTON: Dr Anthony Fauci, the US government's top infectious-disease expert, says the World Health Organization (WHO) had to backtrack on its statement about asymptomatic spread of the coronavirus being rare because that simply 'was not correct.'

WHO's technical lead on the pandemic has tried to clear up 'misunderstandings' about comments she made that were widely understood to suggest that people without Covid-19 symptoms rarely transmit the virus. Maria Van Kerkhove insisted on Tuesday that she was referring only to a few studies, not a complete picture.

Fauci said on *ABC's Good Morning America*: "What happened the other day is that a member of the WHO was saying that transmission from an asymptomatic person to an uninfected person was very rare."

"And we know from epidemiological studies that they can transmit to someone who is uninfected, even when they're without symptoms. So to make a statement 'to say that's a rare event' was not correct. And that's the reason why the WHO walked that back," the American immunologist said.

Damming the Nile! New dyke over waterfall in natl park

ACTIVISTS ANGRY

MURCHISON FALLS: The boat edged as close as possible to the deafening surge of water roaring over Murchison Falls, giving tourists a hair-raising shot of one of Africa's awesome and terrifying natural spectacles.

Tens of thousands visit northwest Uganda every year to marvel as the force of the Nile crashes into a jungle-clad ravine. But a proposal to build a hydroelectric dam nearby has caused an uproar, and debate over the merits of development at all costs.

"I don't agree with putting a dam on the Murchison Falls, although I agree with the efforts at looking for development investments in whichever area that might be," said tourist Paolo Kyama after gaping at the 43-metre cascade. "And reasons for my reservations about Murchison is that it is a very unique tourist attraction."

The government announced in late November it would allow an international consortium to explore the feasibility of a 360-megawatt hydro plant in Murchison Falls National Park, a protected

zone boasting wetlands of international importance.

The decision stunned conservationists, who just three months earlier had been celebrating after the government abandoned the contentious project following a sustained protest by tourism operators, green activists and local communities.

The new proposal looks at damming Uhuru Falls, a smaller cascade nearby, not Murchison Falls as originally envisioned, the government said.

Uhuru Falls is adjacent to Murchison Falls on the Victoria Nile, separated by a narrow rocky strip. It was formed in 1962 when powerful floods cut a second channel just upstream.

"We cannot just say no, or yes, without a feasibility study. So everything must be backed up by science," said Tourism Minister Godfrey Kiwanda of the policy reversal.

"What made cabinet rescind its position of just not saying no? It was basically that let's back our no or yes with science," he told *AFP*.

The feasibility study will be led by Bonang Power and Energy, a little-known South African company that was enlisted for the first proposal.

The amended plan makes little difference to opponents of the project, who say the two falls are interconnected, and damming either risks the health of the ecosystem and its tourist appeal.

But waterfalls elsewhere along the Nile have dried up and vanished in recent decades in the wake of major hydropower ventures in Uganda, which sources 80 per cent of its electricity from its rivers.

"We have lost so much. We can't lose everything... Why don't we spare this particular one? Are we going to dot the entire Nile with dams?" said Benedict Ntale, vice-president of the Uganda Tour Operators Organisation.

Murchison Falls National Park served as the backdrop for the 1951 film *The African Queen* starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn.

UK plans to reopen zoos

Britain is planning to reopen zoos, safari parks and drive-in theaters as part of the easing of lockdown measures from the pandemic. But the move by the Prime Minister Boris Johnson is facing criticism amid the failure to reopen schools for all primary school students before summer, as had been planned. Although many English primary schools have been open for children of key workers, the government had wanted to give all pupils the chance to return following months of home learning. But schools didn't have enough space to address social distancing requirements. London Zoo and other attractions in UK had warned they faced permanent closure if something weren't done soon.

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I, **AARAV R, S/o RAMESH K R,** residing at, No 4, 7th Cross, Gangamma Block, Guddadahalli, Naganahalli Main Road, RT Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560032, India, changed my name from SRINIVAS R to AARAV R vide affidavit dated 2.6.2020 sworn before Notary **M. S. SATISH** at Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **AARAV R** for all purposes.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **TARUN KUMAR**, S/o Narayanaswamy Muthu Kumar, aged about 25 years, R/a No.C 4-9, D.R.D.O. C.V. Raman Nagar, DRDO Township, Bangalore-93 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **TARUN KUMAR .M** and **TARUN KUMAR** are one and the same and refers to me only. Henceforth I shall be known and called as **TARUN KUMAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 8th June 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Fakru Mohammed Iqbal Fakru Babu, S/o. Fakru Janab, R/at. No.2/1, 1st Cross, Sultan nagar, Shivaji nagar, Bengaluru-560051. have changed my name to **FAKRU BABU QURESHI** vide affidavit dated: 09/06/2020 sworn to before notary K.C.Gowthami, Bengaluru-560040.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JITENDRA MANSUKHLAL ARAMBADIA,** S/o. Sri. Mansukhlal Ramji, aged about 45 years, presently residing at No. 228, DS Max Solidaire, Kalkere - Agara Main Road, Near Agara Lake, Horamavu, Bangalore - 560 043, hereby declare that my son's actual and correct name was **RUTWIJ J. YAGNIK.** While admitting my son to the school, his name has been entered as **RUTWIJ J.** and by omitting sir name **YAGNIK** and My son's Aadhar Card his name was wrongly entered as **RUTWIJ J.** Vide affidavit dated 09-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ramesh Kumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt Saleemunnisa w/o late Sri Abdul Kaleem aliyas L. S. Kamal, aged about 56 years residing No 8, 9th Cross, 2nd Main Dharmanna Garden, Dinnur Main Road, Kausernagar R.T. Nagar Bengaluru-560032 here I am declaring I am the wife of Abdul Kaleem aliyas L.S. Kamal and in the death certificate instead of Abdul Kaleem @ L.S.Kamal it appeared as L. S. Kamal, correct name is Abdul Kaleem @ L. S. Kamal, sworn before notary N. Thulasi, Bengaluru by vide affidavit dated 10/6/2020.

CHANGE OF NAME
I Raj Kumar. V. S/o. Late Venkata -chalapathy, aged about 26 years, R/at No.253, 12th Cross, Panchasheelanagara, Nagarabhavi, Moodalapalya, Bengaluru-560072, has changed my name to **PREETHAMRAJ.V** vide Affidavit dt:09.06.2020 sworn before Chandrashekaraiah. S Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **R. VIJAYA,** D/o Late Ramamurthy, W/o. Shri J.S. Prakasam, Aged 57 yrs, Indian, Resident of No. 37, 4th Cross, 1st Main, Ashwanthnagar, RMV 2nd Stage P.O., Bangalore - 560 094, Karnataka, have changed my name from **VIJAYALAKSHMI** and **R. VIJAYALAKSHMI** to **R. VIJAYA.** All the names and variations mentioned above pertains to one and same person i.e. **R. VIJAYA** (New Name) sworn vide Affidavit No. 78 dated: 09th June 2020 before Notary, Peruvazhuthi at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHALAKSHMI,** D/o. Anantharamaiya, W/o. Shankaranarayan V., presently residing at No. 41, 7th Main, 21st Cross, CHBS 1st Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 040, Karnataka, India, hereby declare that **MAHALAKSHMI FNU** and **MAHALAKSHMI** both are the same. Hereinafter I will be known and called as **MAHALAKSHMI FNU.** Vide affidavit dated 20-02-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PARVATHI .C,** aged about 52 years, wife of Sri. Sridhar.K, residing at No.4, Kantham Chinniah Nilayam, 3rd Cross, Balaji Layout, Marathahalli, Bengaluru, Bengaluru-560 037, have changed my name to **PARVATHI .C @ PARVATHI SRIDHAR** Vide Affidavit dated 01.06.2020, sworn before S. Vijayakumar, Notary Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LAKSHMI, W/o No. 7241034N, DFR/LAVET, KOLLA CHINNA RANGAIAH, R/at Dharisi Peta, Dharisi Peta, Patamata, Krishna -520010, Andhra Pradesh, shall henceforth be known as **KOLLA SRI LAKSHMI,** vide affidavit dated: 10.06.2020, before notary N K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HARISH KUMAR SHETTY**, aged about 43 years, S/o. Late U. Madayya Shetty, R/at Flat No. T4, Adithya Shelter, 3rd Cross, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Behind Swargarani School, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 098, have changed my name from **HARISH KUMAR** to **HARISH KUMAR SHETTY.** Vide affidavit dated 10-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Chandrashekaraiah S., Bangalore.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited, under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 20th January 2020 under Section 13 sub-section 2 of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 calling upon the **Borrower viz. Vmaks Builders Private Limitedand the Guarantors viz. (i) Mr. Ramaswamy Mahesh Babu, (ii) Mr. Vasudeva Ramaswamy and (iii) Mr. Krishnappa Ankaiah,** to repay the amount mentioned in the **Demand Notice dated 20th January 2020** being **Rs.7,32,14,540/- (Rupees Seven Crores Thirty Two Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Forty Only) as on 31st December 2019** along with further interest at contractual rate of interest together with costs, charges and other monies payable (if any) within 60 days from the date of the said notice. **The details are as follows:**

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number of the Borrower	Name of the Borrower	Names of the Guarantor	Description of the Secured Asset	Amount Demanded	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
1.	**ARGFL/CF/016**	**Vmaks Builders Private Limited having Registered office address at** Office No. 1, 16th B Cross Road, 3rd Block, Jayananar, East, Bengaluru - 560011.	**1. Mr. Ramaswamy Mahesh Babu** **Residential Address :** No. 18 & 19, ChitrithaNilaya, 1st Cross, 5th Main, Jnannajyothi Nagar, Bengaluru-560035 **2. Mr. Vasudeva Ramaswamy** **Residential address:** 20, Manjunath Nilaya, Teachers Layout, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072. **3. Mr. Krishnappa Ankaiah** **Residential address:** No. 15, 5th Cross, Azad Nagar, Chamrajpete South Chamrajpet, Bengaluru 560018.	As given in the "Description of the Immovable Property" below	**Rs. 7,32,14,540/**	**20-01-2020**	**09-06-2020**

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount due despite the receipt of the said statutory Demand Notice,notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantor mentioned hereinabove in particular and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties / Secured Asset (as defined under Part B of Shedule I o the Demand Notice dated 20th January 2020) described herein below in exercise of powers conferred upon him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **9th day of June of the year 2020.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property / the Secured Asset and any dealings with the Property / secured assets will be subject to the charge of Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited for an amount of **Rs.7,32,14,540/- (Rupees Seven Crores Thirty Two Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Forty Only) as on 31st December, 2019** and further interest and other charges thereon with effect from 1st January, 2020.The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13of the Act inrespect of the time available to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES SECURED ASSET PARTICULARS OF THE OFFICE PROPERTY

1.	Immovable properties bearing semi-commercial vacant site no. 123, Municipal New No. 1, 14th Main Road, 16th B Cross, 3rd Block, Jayanagar East, Bangalore, PID No. 60-133-1, Ward No. 60, formed by the City Improvement Trust Board, now Bangalore Development Authority, measuring east to west - 50+17/2 Feet and north to south – 40 feet and **bounded on: East :** Road **West :** Site No. 124 **North :** Site No. 121 & No. 122 **South :** Site No. 126

Date : 09th June, 2020
Place : Bangalore

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THURSDAY

DAY'S DIARY

PM again!

Conservative Party politician Margaret Thatcher won her third general election by 376 to 229 seats on this day in 1987

SUCCESSSIVE TERMS

Margaret Thatcher was Britain's prime minister for almost 12 years between 1979 and 1990. The victory made her the first PM for more than 160 years to win three successive terms of office

EARLY DESIRE

Thatcher formed an early desire to be a politician. Her intellectual ability led her to the University of Oxford, where she studied Chemistry and was immediately active in politics

PROTESTS

In the third term, her government lowered income tax rates to a post-war low. It also pushed an unpopular community charge that was met with street protests and high levels of non-payment

'There's less risk with web series'
PG 4

A still from the film; (Below) Stuthi (left) and Satviki shot the nine-minute long film on a mobile phone

Driven by direction

Simran Ahuja

Usha Rao and Pooja Pandey Tripathi have much to be happy about these days. They acted in a film that was shortlisted in the Lockdown Film Challenge by Shorted, an online platform that showcases short films across India. But the two Bengaluru-based mothers share this feat with their 12-year-old daughters, Stuthi and Satviki, respectively, who directed and shot the film for the two theatre practitioners.

Calling it both an amazing and weird experience, Satviki says, "It was a lot of responsibility on us. It was our first time doing this, and so I was shocked to hear our film was shortlisted." Agrees her friend and co-director Stuthi, who says, "It was quite the role-reversal for us. Usually our mothers are the ones who shoot us on camera. And here we were directing them." The youngster also assisted her mother, Rao, in the editing and learned a lot about the technicalities of shooting and post-production.

Titled *Alparambh*, the film features Rao as a 36-year-old who is too busy to pursue her hobbies -- theatre and wildlife photography. Realisation strikes a bit too late when she is given a reminder of her untimely death. The idea behind the play was simple: To make people aware that it is never too late to start something. "I was tired of kids, some as young as ninth graders, complaining of not having time for things. We all get the same number of hours a day and it's up to us to decide how we utilise that," says Tripathi, who plays Yamraj's secretary in the nine-minute film. "That was just for improvisation. I can't play Yamraj with my long hair so I play the secretary who steps in while he is busy dealing with COVID cases," laughs Tripathi, who has co-founded Being Productions along with Rao.

Shot entirely on a mobile phone, the film took five hours to shoot, which Rao recalls as having a "ball of time." Agrees Tripathi, who candidly shares that while the youngsters did a good job with the first half of the film, the second did turn out a bit shaky. "But I don't believe in perfection. And after all, this is how learning happens," she says, adding that the results will be announced by month-end.

CITY READ

Power shutdown in city

There will be a power supply interruption from 10.30am to 5pm on June 12, in the areas coming under the 66/11KV BTM MUSS of F-11 feeder. The areas affected include Kodichikanahalli, Kodichikanahalli Main Road, Rotary Nagar, Vakhil Marina and surrounding areas.

GOING WITH THE FLOW

City-based writer Jahnavi Barua's new book treats the Brahmaputra like a character; also looks at family ties from point of view of two generations

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> —Jahnavi Barua, author

Monika Monalisa

City-based Assamese author Jahnavi Barua's book *Undertow*, which was launched during the lockdown, starts with a flashback of a bandh set during the '70s in Guwahati. The author says a part of the book, which revolves around family ties, unintentionally gives a feeling of the lockdown. Barua, who is going to talk about her book on an Instagram live session this Friday, says, "An author always has a plan of how to take the book to an audience, speak about the book or even take it to a different film festival. But lockdown did bring in a twist in the plan," she says.

Set in '70s and present time, the book has two protagonists, with the narration done by people from two generations – a grandfather and a granddaughter. "The book speaks about family relationships and shows the issues that two generations have with each other. But there is no judgement. It's up to the readers to decide on what is right or wrong," says Barua, who also hails from a joint family. She adds, "There was a point when I lived with my great grandparents, grandparents and parents. So I understand what they go through."

The book (Penguin, ₹499) makes its reader shuffle between Guwahati and Bengaluru. "The place you live in, the culture around you and people you socialise with heavily influence a writer. Assam is where I spent a lot of my childhood while Bengaluru is my second home. So these two places had to be in my book," say Barua, who has been living in the city for 28 years, and calls it the most welcoming city. Bramhaputra river plays an important part in the story. "I don't want to reveal much but the river is almost treated as a character," says Barua, who moved to the city in 1992.

Considering herself a slow writer, Barua took eight years to write this book. Her first book, however, was a collection of short stories called *Next Door*, which was followed by *Rebirth* - a monologue of a woman talking to her unborn child, which was also shortlisted for the Man Asian Literary Prize and the Commonwealth Book Prize. Interestingly, the author has a degree in medicine, and quit the profession in order to spend time with family. "It was supposed to be a short break but I guess it became a long break," says the writer, who is married to a former banker. After having lived in Jaipur and Kochi, she finally settled in Bengaluru. "I never planned to become a writer. I was just a voracious reader. At any given point of time, I used to have four books with me. It started with writing short stories for a competition organised by British Library in Bengaluru," say Barua, admitting that the current lockdown has brought in a wave of ideas for her next book, which she is going to work on soon.

> **frankly speaking**

Jahnavi Barua will go live on the Instagram page of Champaca bookstore on June 12, 6:30 pm.

B'lureans wish 'Papa Padukone' on 65th b'day

Express Features

Do you know who Deepika Padukone's off-screen hero is? No, it's not Ranveer Singh. On Wednesday, netizens woke up to a cute picture posted by the actor, which soon went viral. It was a childhood picture showing her sitting on the lap of her father, Prakash Padukone. Occasion? His birthday. She said, "To the greatest off-screen hero I could have ever had! Thank You for showing us that being a true champion is not only about one's professional achievements, but also about being a good human being!Happy 65th Birthday, Pappa ! We love you!"

The message sparked a flood of wishes from various fan groups of the father-daughter, wishing 'Papa Padukone' on his birthday. Known for his simplicity, Padukone is the reason many took up the sports as a career.

One such Bengaluru-bred badminton player, Anup Sridhar, says it was Padukone's humility that touched him the most. "I was not at all star struck when I met him for the first time. I know it might sound insane but I was too young to realise who he was. But I was taken aback by his simplicity. Despite his many achievements, he is still a grounded person," says the Olympian. He says the words from Padukone that have always stayed with him are, "Always under-promise and over-deliver. One should do their work silently and let it speak for itself."

Prakash Padukone and Anup Sridhar

Deepika Padukone posted a throwback photo online

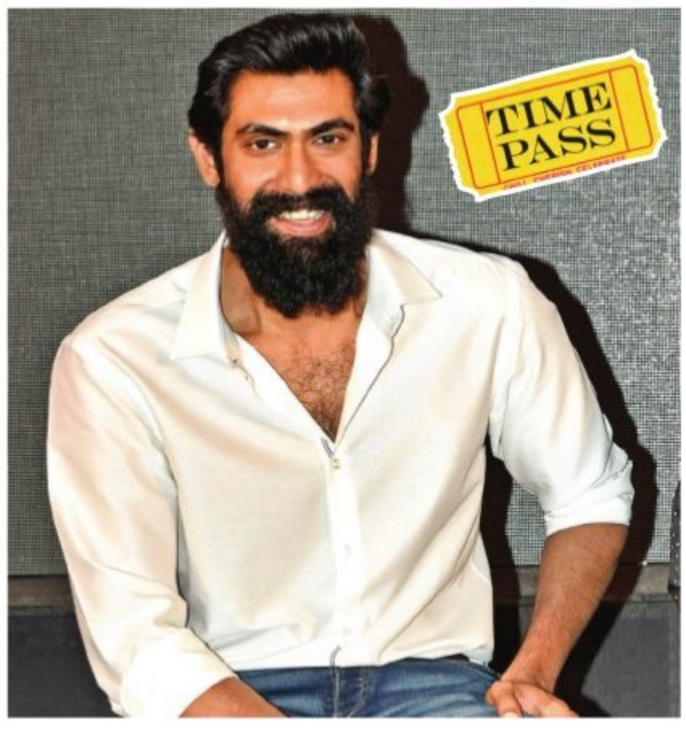
A chatbot to bust COVID fake news

Express Features

While the new-age internet influx has witnessed information dissemination at a wider scale, the worries of fake news and unverified sources only seem to grow. Breaking the bubble of myths and false claims is **Yash Jaiswal**, a student of Information Science Engineering at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Yelahanka, who secured first place at the International COVID-19 Research Projects. The 20-year-old has won a cash prize of $200 at the international hackathon that was conducted virtually by University of California Berkeley in April. Jaiswal and his team also donated an additional $200 of the prize money to Charity Waters, a charity trust.

Jaiswal's innovation, Converse, is a NLP – Natural Language Processing – based voice/chatbot hosted on a phone number to distribute reliable news and safety measures to the public. "My version is designed for people to use it without the internet by placing a phone call to the designated number," says Jaiswal, who teamed up with three other students from the USA and Indonesia for the hackathon, which saw over 900 global participants.

"Users can ask the bot any question with an ordinary phone to get the details. COVID news updates are provided and the bot can also be used to procure essential supplies as it connects you with the nearest vendor on request," he says.



'Baahubali changed Indian cinema'

Express Features

It's been 10 years since Rana Daggubati first appeared on screen as a young political heir in Sekhar Kammula's Telugu film, *Leader*. Over the past 10 years, Rana has learned about the power of being an actor. "You get to embody another person. Cinema, far away from the real world, is the closest thing to magic for me. When I pick a movie, I am excited about making the journey to another universe," said Rana, in a chat arranged as part of Indulge Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by The New Indian Express group, and hosted by senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai.

From bulking up to look the part of Bhallala Deva in the Baahubali franchise to losing weight to play a jungle dweller in his upcoming film, Prabhu Solomon's *Haathi Mere Saathi* (Kaadan in Tamil and Aranya in Telugu), Rana was asked about his physical transformation for films. "Cinema is a visual medium. *Haathi Mere Saathi* is the toughest film I've shot, and this is coming from someone who has shot *Baahubali 2*. I had to bear the weight of the trunk of an elephant, on my shoulders. The trunk would easily weigh 160-170 kg. Each of these films allows me to live a new experience. Only cinema can provide this."

Responding to the recent much-publicised killing of an elephant in Kerala, Rana said, "Having worked in the jungle for *Haathi Mere Saathi*, I can say for sure that a forest teaches you many things. It teaches you that creature is important to the planet. As humans, we do the most unnatural things and drive away what's right for the Earth. This incident was probably the cruellest act of mankind. We need awareness, education, and stricter laws in place."

Invariably, the topic of *Baahubali* came up. "The film didn't change just my life; it has changed Indian cinema forever. The scale of thought has changed. The movies we make have changed. This impact is no less than what *Star Wars* did to the West," says the self-proclaimed *Star Wars* geek who has a George Lucas mural in his office and a lightsaber on his desk.

The present lockdown too is rapidly changing the ever-evolving medium of entertainment consumption. Rana, who has financial interests in both theatres and OTT, believes content will always be the king, but the way it is monetised will undergo a tectonic change. "Spectacle-based content will still be theatrical. Drama driven, long-form storytelling will move to OTT," says Rana, adding, "People will continue to get entertained in all mediums... We want to be in each of those places."

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SPACE WATCH

CANIS MAJOR AND SIRIUS

Source: Theskylive.com

Canis Major is the Latin name of a constellation situated close to the celestial equator. As such, it is at least partly visible from both hemispheres. The constellation represents the bigger dog following Orion, the hunter in Greek mythology. The dog is often depicted pursuing a hare, represented by the constellation Lepus. The smaller dog is represented by the neighbouring constellation Canis Minor. Both constellations were first catalogued by Ptolemy in the 2nd century. In the English language, this constellation is also known as 'The Greater dog'. In India, Sirius, the chief star in the constellation, is sometimes known as Svana, the dog of Prince Yudhisthira.

BRIGHT SPOT

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

When COVID-19 hit in Shillong, panic spread across Meghalaya. Swapnil Tembe, deputy commissioner of East Garo Hills, joined hands with several self-help groups and made sure that every family in the state receives all the necessary provisions to keep them well-fed and healthy. Even the migrant labourers were asked to be taken care of by their contractors, and they obliged Tembe's orders. He encouraged women self-help groups to make masks, and youngsters to deliver essentials, so that they have a source of income during the lockdown.

Source: The Better India

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FIT BIT

CHAKRASANA
(WHEEL POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'chakra' means 'wheel' and 'asana' means 'posture.' It is also known as Urdhva Dhanurasana. It is the first pose of the finishing sequence in Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga. It gives great flexibility to the spine. This posture is seen as having more of a balancing effect on the energy of the heart chakra. It was one of the 84 asanas of Lord Shiva's classic yoga, referenced in the 'Hatha Ratnavali' around 1600 CE.

STEPS
- Lie down on your back.
- Fold both legs, placing your feet just below the buttock; the sole of your feet should be touching the ground. Keep the feet and knees at least 30 cm apart.
- Place both hands beside the head; keep them beneath the shoulders in a way that the fingers point towards the legs.
- Take a deep, long breath and slowly start raising the body.
- Arch back while raising the body, supporting the weight of the upper body on the back and top of the head.
- Lift the head and trunk from the ground and straighten the hands and legs as much as possible.
- Arch back as high as possible; the neck should be relaxed.
- Lift the heels and balance on your toes and hands for a few seconds; then, slowly lower the heels.
- Stay in this position while breathing normally for as long as you feel comfortable; and return to the floor slowly while exhaling.

BENEFITS
- Increases the flexibility of the body.
- Strengthens the bones and muscles of the body; mainly beneficial for the legs.
- Strengthens the respiratory system as the chest is enhanced and the lungs get oxygen to its fullest in this position.
- Relieves all the stress and tension as it strengthens the nervous system and refreshes the brain.
- Helpful in reducing the fat in the abdomen and avoids bloating.
- Beneficial for the digestive system, helps with gastric problems and all disorders of the female reproductive system.
- Ensures better functioning of the heart, liver, spleen, and kidneys. Helpful for curing hernia.

LIMITATIONS
- Don't practise it directly; prepare with easy backward bending postures like Setu Asana before trying this.
- People suffering from any illness must avoid it.
- People having some weakness in the wrist or back should avoid it.
- Pregnant women should avoid this.

– By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

CLASSIC COMEBACK

DEVON KE DEV... MAHADEV
Lord Shiva is an ascetic. However, he falls in love with Sati, the granddaughter of Lord Brahma, and becomes a householder as their relationship shapes the universe.
- Cast: Mohit Raina, Mouni Roy
- Watch on: Star Plus
- Monday to Sunday at 9.30 pm

SHRIKANT
Raj Lakshmi nurses Shrikant to health when he is affected by plague. During a voyage to Burma, he meets Abhaya, who is abandoned by her husband.
- Cast: Farooq Sheikh, Irrfan Khan, Tiku Talsania, Mrinal Kulkarni
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 3.30 pm

BUNIYAAD
A saga of an upper middle class Punjabi family from Lahore and its four generations spanning over 50 years from the 1920s to the 1950s with many interesting sub plots.
- Cast: Alok Nath, Anita Kanwar, Dalip Tahil
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 10.30 pm

FLOP SHOW
Actor Jaspal Bhatti and his team of comedians present a satirical take on various societal issues through skits and sketches.
- Watch on: DD National
- Time: 6 pm every day

UPANISHAD GANGA
The show shares the knowledge of Upanishads explaining its meaning in the modern context through stories.
- Cast: Dwaraka Prasad
- Watch on: DD Bharati
- Daily at: 6 pm

CHANAKYA
The series is a fictionalised version of the life-history of economist, strategist and political theorist, Chanakya, who was also the royal advisor of King Chandragupta Maurya.
- Cast: Chandraprakash Dwivedi, Dinesh Shakul, Surendra Pal
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 5 pm

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

MYNA
Satya falls for Mynaa, who is physically disabled, and marries her. But trouble begins when they meet a doctor who promises to help her but end up physically assaulting her.
- Cast: Chetan Kumar, Nithya Menen, R. Sarathkumar

THANGIGAGI
The story of a brother - Veerabhadra, who loves his only sister - Gowri a lot. Gowri marries a nice man and moves to Bangalore city. In spite of a warning Veerabhadra gets into violence and revenge.
- Cast: Darshan, Poonam Bajwa, Shwetha Chengappa

NALLA
Preethi, a woman with intellectual disabilities is kidnapped and forced into prostitution. A chance meeting with Prashanth, a teacher, changes her life forever.
- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Sangeetha

THAMIZHAN
Surya, an honest lawyer, fights injustice to protect the basic rights of the common man, even when his own sister and brother-in-law get killed by notorious criminals.
- Cast: Vijay, Priyanka Chopra, Ashish Vidyarthi, Revathi

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW TO EMBRACE EMOTIONS AT WORK BY LIZ FOSSLIEN
"You can't just flip a switch when you step into the office and turn your emotions off. Feeling feelings is part of being human," says author and illustrator Liz Fosslien. She shares why selective vulnerability is the key to bringing your authentic self to work.

2 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STALKERWARE BY EVA GALPERIN
In an urgent talk, cybersecurity expert Eva Galperin describes the emerging danger of stalkerware — software designed to spy on someone by gaining access to their devices without their knowledge — and calls on antivirus companies to recognise these programs as malicious in order to discourage abusers and protect victims.

3 HOW TECHNOLOGY HAS CHANGED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE DEAF BY REBECCA KNILL
Rebecca Knill is a writer who has cochlear implants that enable her to hear. In this insightful talk, she explores the evolution of assistive listening technology, the way people still respond to deafness and how we can build a more inclusive world.

4 WHY HAVING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS A HUMAN RIGHT BY KRISTEN WENZ
Legal identity expert Kristen Wenz discusses why unavailability of birth certificate and the issues associated with not having one — no access to health care, education, etc.— is one of the greatest human rights violations of our time.

5 HOW VOLUMETRIC VIDEO BRINGS A NEW DIMENSION TO FILMMAKING BY DIEGO PRILUSKY
In this talk and tech demo, filmmaker Diego Prilusky introduces the next chapter in moviemaking: volumetric video, a 360-degree experience powered by hundreds of cameras that capture light and motion from every angle.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

INDIA VS ENGLAND (Kannada)
When an ancient Indian diamond smuggled out of Britain crosses paths with a young couple visiting sites of historical significance to the Indian independence struggle, it complicates their relationship.
- Cast: Vasishta Simha, Manvitha, Ananth Nag
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

ISPADE RAJAVUM IDHAYA RANIYUM (Tamil)
Gautham, an unemployed youth, is in love with Thara, who comes from an affluent family. However, the repercussions of his disturbing childhood hampers their relationship.
- Cast: Shilpa Manjunath, Harish Kalyan, Lizzie Antony, Ma Ka Pa Anand
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

THEGIDI (Tamil)
A young detective is asked to keep an eye on a certain number of people and collect information on them. However, his subjects start dying mysteriously.
- Cast: Ashok Selvan, Janani Iyer, Jaya Prakash
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

POKIRI (Telugu)
Krishna, a police officer, disguises himself as a thug and joins the mafia in order to wipe out the underworld. Meanwhile, he falls in love with Shruti, an aerobics teacher.
- Cast: Mahesh Babu, Prakash Raj, Sayaji Shinde, Ashish Vidyarthi
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

MADHA MATHU MANASI (Kannada)
After Madha falls in love with Manasi, he finds out that she is in love with someone else. He helps her reunite with her lover and deal with her father's thugs who come in search of her.
- Cast: Sruthi Hariharan, Prajwal Devaraj, Anushree
- Watch on: Voot
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

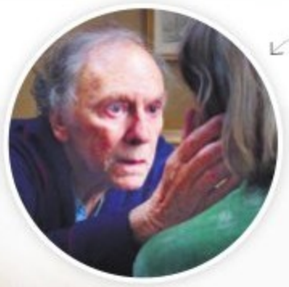
BAJIRAO MASTANI (Hindi)
The heroic Peshwa Bajirao, married to Kashibai, falls in love with Mastani, a warrior princess in distress. They struggle to make their love triumph amid opposition from his conservative family.
- Cast: Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh, Priyanka Chopra
- Watch on: Voot
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

OM SHANTI OM (Hindi)
Om, a junior film artist, is smitten by Shantipriya, a renowned actress, but is killed while trying to save her from a fire accident. Thirty years later, he is reborn and sets out to avenge her death.
- Cast: Shahrukh Khan, Deepika Padukone, Arjun Rampal
- Watch on: Voot
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

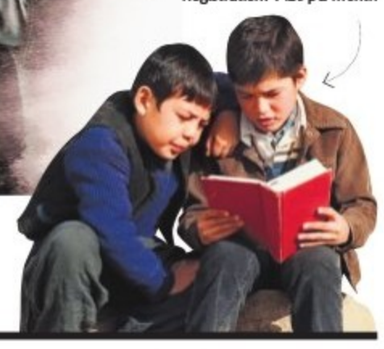
CHILDREN OF MEN (English)
In 2027, 18 years of human infertility have left society on the verge of extinction. When one woman miraculously gets pregnant, Theo, a bureaucrat, must transport her to safety.
- Cast: Clive Owen, Julianne Moore, Clare-Hope Ashitey, Michael Caine
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN (English)
Denny Swift is a Formula One race car driver who understands that the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate everyday life. Besides his career, Denny has three loves of his life — his beautiful wife, their young daughter and his best friend, which is a dog that wants to be reincarnated into a human.
- Cast: Milo Ventimiglia, Amanda Seyfried, Kevin Costner
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year



AMOUR (French)
Octogenarian couple Georges and Anne's happy life comes to a halt, when Anne suffers from a stroke and Georges must do everything possible to help her recover.
- Cast: Jean-Louis Trintignant, Emmanuelle Riva, Isabelle Huppert
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

THE KITE RUNNER (Dari/English/Urdu)
Amir lives in California with his wife Soraya. He receives a call from his uncle Rahim Khan who urges him to travel to Afghanistan and rescue the son of Amir's childhood servant and friend, Hassan.
- Cast: Ahmad Khan Mahmoodzada, Atossa Leoni, Khalid Abdalla
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month



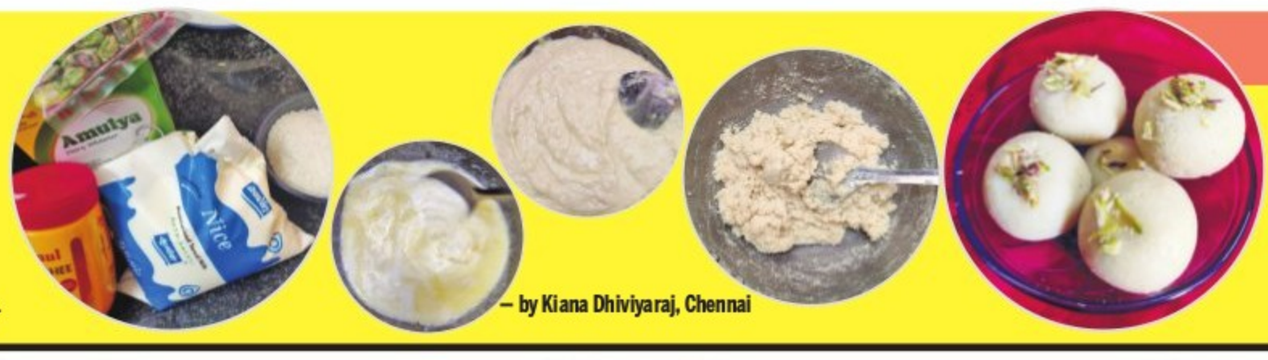
QUICK FIX

MILK PEDA

INGREDIENTS
- **Ghee:** 3 tbsp
- **Milk:** 500 ml
- **Milk powder:** 150-200 g
- **Sugar:** 1/2 cup
- **Grated pista:** 10 g

METHOD
- Place pan on stove, add ghee in it. Pour milk and stir.
- Add milk powder after two minutes. Keep stirring till the mixture becomes thick.
- Add sugar as per taste. Stir again till the mixture turns into a thick dough.
- Remove from gas and give it shape. Garnish with grated pista.

Tip: Do not cool the mixture for long before shaping.



— by Kiana Dhiviyaraj, Chennai

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

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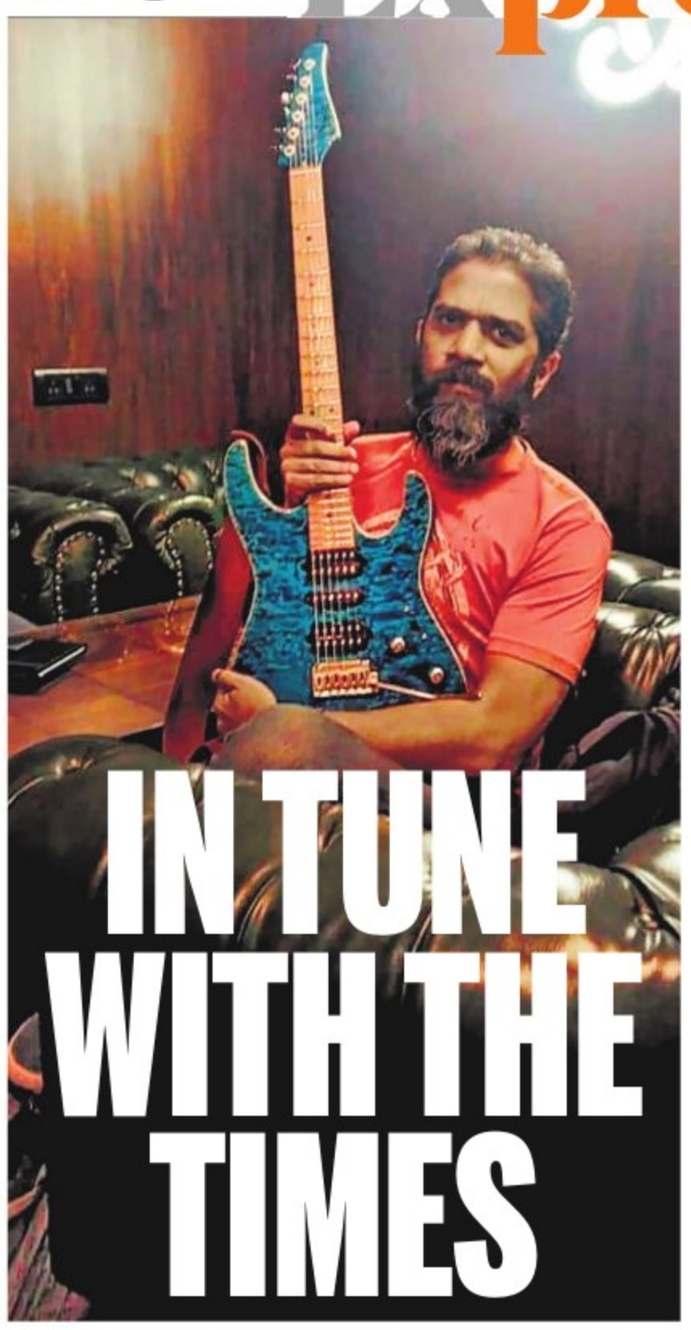

IN TUNE WITH THE TIMES

Tony Das and Sandeep Chowta's new collaborative album calls for a listening experience that is de-stressing and relaxing

Muneef Khan

Given the current pandemic-ridden scenario, Sandeep Chowta's new collaborative album, *Re-Laxman Volume 1*, with guitarist Tony Das, couldn't have come at a better time. The veteran city-based musician and composer cites that the title is self-explanatory, that of de-stressing and relaxing. "Generally when you play music, one would expect the listener to pay attention. But with this album, one can talk over it and still connect with it," Chowta says.

Released on June 8, *Re-Laxman* is a blend of all things good and carries breezy elements, a free flow and little notes of detail. The six track album is perfect to unwind to. While tracks such as *Three Four Shut the Door* and *Counting Sheep* are layered with gentle guitar notes accompanied by a spread on keyboards, *Cinemagination* is a track leaning on the cinematic side. "Keeping the tempo similar was crucial in order to maintain structure of the songs and when one hears the album, it's in continuous flow with essentially strong melodies," says Chowta, adding that two jam tracks were also added to the album to give the listener a taste of both ends. "Any solo instrumentalist can relate and express themselves through these tracks and if it works well, then we'll add the other four jam tracks in the next volume," adds Chowta.

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Sonically, Das says the album ventures into a zone less explored, given that his previous works were high on crunchy yet smooth guitar solos. "We did not want to make the music self-indulgent but at the same time we made it harmonically rich," he says, adding that the album was conceptualised and executed in May.

He adds that the current sound is one which he has visited less often and the current project came as a welcome challenge. "I am happy to work on an album like this with Sandeep given that our workflow is easy since we have been working together for 13 years. But I wouldn't explore this all by myself because it is a new experiment," he says.

Looking for HOPE

Vidya Iyengar

As the owner of an interior designing firm, Lakshmi Shetty* began to feel the jitters during the extended lockdown. Stress and anxiety about her venture led to chakra and group healing sessions, which helped calm her down. Admittedly, Shetty was not someone who had turned to such practices prior to the lockdown, owing to lack of time, but the pandemic was leading to various thoughts and fears. "I started worrying about the future of my business, especially since I work with blue-collar workers who were migrating," says Shetty.

Job worries, financial concerns, marital woes... these are some issues topmost in the minds of Bengalureans. Unable to find a clear cut answer, many of them are looking at healers like tarot card readers for help. At a time when many feel they are facing the unknown, therapies like the Bach Flower Therapy, an English method thought to help balance emotional state; reiki, a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation; and Emotional Freedom Techniques, which draw from various theories of alternative medicine, including acupuncture, neuro-linguistic programming, energy medicine; are also being opted for. "Most of my clients are in the age group of 16-45 years, with many of them being students," says Mridula Nair, an EFT practitioner.

With a lot of time on hand during the lockdown, Prateek Mehta* (31) found questions of his life gnawing at him. "I suddenly started worrying whether my work was being appreciated, and that brought on other issues. At this point in time with lay-offs, I was worried about that as well," says Mehta, who works for a mutual funds firm. He then went in for 5-D healing and a tarot session, something he was trying for the first time.

Ever since the lockdown, numerologist Sheelaa M Bajaj has found herself flooded with requests from worried Bengalureans. "There's a lot of uncertainty, especially in the job market. People are worried if they will continue to hold a job. With the lockdown having brought the economy to a standstill, there are also financial worries. At the same time, with couples locked in, there's bickering in relationships too," she says, adding that many clients have even been requesting for lighting of candles. "Many of them have also been opting to meditate to calm themselves down and stay positive in these times," Bajaj adds. "There has been a sudden spike in requests," says the founder of SMB Mystix.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, and Revathy Krishnakumar, an angel tarot card reader, is noticing that as well. "People want to know if their business is safe, whether they can start a new venture or the fate of existing projects. To sum it up, there's a lot of confusion," says Krishnakumar who has also been getting requests for readings from Indians in foreign countries.

*(*Names changed on request)*

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CITY READ

Free CET/NEET/ online coaching

Dayananda Sagar University launched its free CET coaching programme online mode, for free. Teachers will train for five weeks to prepare for 90 minutes of each class. The classes (Physics, Chemistry, Math and Biology) would be followed by weekly tests and two mock tests. Students will need a desktop/ laptop/ any hand-held device to follow the class as per set timetable. Crash course starts on June 12, while the closing date is July 27, with a break for English examination from July 15 to July 18.

Students and their parents would also get to participate in webinars by various experts, who will speak about career options, every Sunday between 11 am and 12pm.

Talk on history of medicine

Author Roopa Pai will talk about her recent book *From Leeches To Slug Glue* that chronicles 2,500 years of the history of medicine. This will take place on June 12, from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The talk is being organised for senior citizens by Silver Talkies, which has been holding such sessions to bring senior citizens across India informative talks they can safely attend from the comfort of their homes. Contact 6362890768 for details.

Parents, schools spar over fees, classes

Tania Thomas

With education going online, students are facing several challenges. Some private schools in the city have been accused of denying access to online classes to some students. Chidanand's children who study in Class 4 and Class 7 in Vivekananda School, Sahakar Nagar, says the school had initially given access to online classes, but discontinued them for around 60 students. "They are pressurising parents to pay the fees and purchase the books, else they will deactivate the online classes."

The school's principal Amitha Shireesh denied such allegations, saying, "This is not true. Some parents were complaining about technical problems, which are being sorted out."

Students in Daffodils are also facing a similar issue. "My children who are in Class 10 and Class 4 had got access to the classes in the first week, but it was taken away later. We have not paid the fees, as the matter of the fee hike and other irregularities that we had raised, is pending in court. Those parents who are not able to pay, are being threatened and are not being given access to online studies," said Shenoi, a parent.

Madhuri Chengappa, secretary of Daffodil, however says that this is being done only to those parents who have not been paying the fees for two years. "Some 90 parents have not been paying the fees and have also instigated other parents to do the same. Due to this, there have been pay cuts."

While the state is yet to issue directives on online classes, KG Jagadeesh, commissioner, department of public instruction. "We will look into these complaints. We have given directives that fees and admission should be deferred. We have given permission for admission to schools, and they have the right to collect the fees now. Whenever the admissions are open they can collect the fees. Regarding online classes, we are yet to issue guidelines," he said.

THE NEW DYNAMICS OF LEARNING ONLINE

TUNING IN
Bindu Subramaniam

This academic year, "going to school" took on a new meaning. And we are still figuring out what this looks like for students, teachers, parents, and cats (who magically find the perfect fighting spot right in front of the webcam).

As music educators, we should think about how we can turn online learning into something more than a poor substitute for in-person classes. Stanford professor Baba Shiv (who also happens to be a legend, and someone I greatly admire) talks about incorporating design elements into large-scale behavioural change. One of them is using motivation as a means to adapt.

If we aim to do a "good enough job" teaching music online until schools re-open, we won't do justice to the virtual medium. And if we stay deeply convinced that online classes can never be as good as in-person sessions, we might miss out on some great online learning tools.

This holds good for other things too. Home fitness is turning into more than a stop-gap for when gyms open again. We are experimenting with new recipes. Musicians everywhere are collaborating across borders and learning to improvise while streaming live. The trends are shifting, and so must we. Especially when it comes to teaching our kids.

As the lockdown starts to ease, it's time to take a masked breath and reassess how we want to do things. How do we stay grateful? How do we teach our kids to continue appreciating the arts even when they're not surrounded by their friends? What do we want to keep from this time? (My personal answer is no more jeans, but feel free to add something more profound to your list.)

Finally, remember to do this all at your own pace. Adapting to a new environment is not a productivity contest, or a let's-not-acknowledge-our-emotions session. There is always a minute to hug your cat, drink an extra cup of coffee, or just look away from the screen.

(The author is a singer, songwriter, educator and social entrepreneur).

Representational photo

Vacation goals

Niddhi Subbaiah seems to be on a long break. The actor, who is currently in Coorg, posted a picture on Instagram, where she is enjoying a lazy day. The caption stated, "Me , 9 hours of sleep and 2 mugs of coffee later #eyeswideshut #restingcoffeeface".

SOULFUL

What is love?

We always want to get a result in return for doing something. This desire for a result, which is another form of conclusion-seeking, prevents understanding. When you ask, "What good will it do me if I dissociate the feeling from the word 'love'?", you are thinking of a result; therefore you are not really inquiring to find out what that feeling is, are you? "I do want to find out, but I also want to know what will be the outcome of dissociating the feeling from the word. Isn't this perfectly natural?"

Perhaps; but if you want to understand, you will have to give your attention, and there's no attention when one part of your mind is concerned with results, and the other with understanding. In this way you get neither, and so you become more and more confused, bitter and miserable. If we don't dissociate the word, which is memory and all its reactions, from the feeling, then that word destroys the feeling; and then the word, or memory, is the ash without the fire. Isn't this what has happened to you both? You have so entangled yourselves in a net of words, of speculations, that the feeling itself, which is the only thing that has deep and vital significance, is lost.

"I am beginning to see what you mean," said the first one slowly. "We are not simple; we don't discover anything for ourselves, but just repeat what we have been told. Even when we revolt, we form new conclusions, which again have to be broken down. We really don't know what love is, but merely have opinions about it. Is that it?"

Don't you think so? Surely, to know love, truth, God, there must be no opinions, no beliefs, no speculations with regard to it. If you have an opinion about a fact, the opinion becomes important, not the fact. If you want to know the truth or the falseness of the fact, then you must not live in the word, in the intellect. You may have a lot of knowledge, information, about the fact, but the actual fact is entirely different. Put away the book, the description, the tradition, the authority, and take the journey of self-discovery. Love, and don't be caught in opinions and ideas about what love is or should be. When you love, everything will come right. Love has its own action. Love, and you will know the blessings of it. Keep away from the authority who tells you what love is and what it is not. No authority knows; and he who knows cannot tell. Love, and there is understanding.

— Jiddu Krishnamurti

'There's less risk with web series'

A Sharadhaa

Make hay while the sun shines certainly holds true for actor Samyukta Hornad. After establishing herself firmly in the Kannada film industry, she is now spreading her wings on the OTT platform. According to Samyukta, it all began with director Pradeep Deva Kumar's Telugu web series, *Locked*, which was released on the streaming platform Aha, owned by Allu Arjun, after the lockdown was clamped. "*Locked* was released just when people got glued to digital content. Though the web series had nothing to do with the lockdown, it did well on the digital platform. Interestingly, my previous web series, titled *G.O.D* (Gods of Dharmapuri), also started doing well and was rated among the top 10 series of the year across all platforms. I play a Malayalee journalist from Hyderabad, and it was shot in Hampi," she says.

The new phase has helped her try her hands at roles that she has not played before. Interestingly, her Tamil film, *Abhiyum Anuvum,* and four Kannada films -- *Omelette, Arishadvarga, Mysuru Masala: The UFO Incident*, and *Red Rum* -- are also likely to get an OTT release. The production house is currently in discussions with leading platforms, but there is no official confirmation as yet. "All these films are at different stages of post-production work. They had targeted a release date, but due to the delay in reopening of theatres, the makers are now taking a call on digital streaming," says Samyuktaa.

With the entertainment industry debating between theatrical and OTT release, Samyukta says there are two sides to everything. "Today, people are getting to watch films in their toilet, an experience they have gathered over the last 50-60 days. With scare around coronavirus, people are reluctant to venture out, preferring to stick to their phones and laptops. Though it is posing a problem to distributors, it has turned out beneficial to a few actors, assistant directors, junior artistes and filmmakers who are just starting off," she explains.

However, that doesn't mean Samyukta is settling with OTT. "As an actor, a film or a web series is powerful in an equal manner. The experience of watching the first-day first-show of a movie with the audience is something that digital release can't give you. There is a different kind of a high you get from the viewers' reaction, and as actors, you only want more of it. However, it is a lot safer with OTT. The risk with web series is less, and the career graph might not change, and it is not the case with the silver screen," she says, adding that in the current times, it is best to adjust and adapt to the change that the entertainment industry is facing. "If that means more OTT, we should go with it," says Samyukta, for whom, irrespective of the medium, she enjoys being in front of the camera.

"I want to say to all artistes that as actors, we entertain people. However, we don't come under the 'essential' category of people's life. We might probably bring in hope now. The best way is to motivate ourselves," says Samyukta, who is happy to be busy amid this pandemic outbreak. "I have a handful of assignments, including documentaries and short films. I also have another web series, to be made in Telugu and Hindi, for which I am yet to begin the shooting," she says.

Samyukta Hornad

TAGARU DAALI BAGS ANOTHER PROJECT

Actor Dhananjay will be collaborating with Gowri Entertainers for a big-budget entertainer, which is scheduled to go on floors in 2021; the story and director are yet to be confirmed

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The lockdown period doesn't seem to have really stopped actors from signing new projects. Dhananjay, who has a handful of films in his kitty, has bagged another project. The actor will be collaborating with Gowri Entertainers, the production house that is currently bankrolling the debut film of Vikram Ravichandran, *Trivikrama*. Confirming the news about his new venture, Dhananjay says he has known the producer for some time, and will be getting associated with him now for a project. "I will be collaborating with producers Sommanna and Suresh for a film that will go on floors only in 2021, after I complete my current commitments. This is going to be made with a huge budget, and we are in the process of finalising the story. Also, who can wield the megaphone for this project is yet to be decided," he says. Dhananjay is currently dubbing for *Badava Rascal,* a debut production venture of the actor. Meanwhile, he is also focusing on his looks to play the role of Bengaluru don MP Jayaraj.

The film will be out in a two-part series. Shoonya will be directing the movie while the story and dialogues have been written by Agni Sridhar. Dhananjay is also a part of Santhosh Anandram's *Yuvarathnaa*, being made by Hombale Films. It will show him in a face-off with Puneeth Rajkumar. He will follow it with the Dhruva Sarja-starrer *Pogaru*, directed by Nanda Kishore. The actor will also be seen playing the lead in *Daali*, for which 25 percent of the shoot has been completed. Besides Kannada films, Dhananjay is in discussions for a Telugu film titled *Pushpa,* starring Allu Arjun.

Dhananjay

Alexx O'Nell to star alongside Sushmita Sen

Sushmita Sen

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American actor and musician Alexx O'Nell will be seen alongside Sushmita Sen in the upcoming Hotstar Special show *Aarya*. Directed by Ram Madhvani, the 9-episode series follows a woman who enters the heroine trade after her husband is shot. In the show, Alexx will be essaying a musician named Bob Wilson.

"The role is the surprise element of the series, and by the last episode, you'll see this captivating character transform completely, becoming among the most integral parts of this gripping story," Alexx said. "While *Aarya* is indeed a crime drama it's also a musical journey, a complex web of crime and family, and above all, a love story."

Alexx has appeared in over 30 films and series (including *Main Aur Charles, Joker,* and *Inside Edge*).

Gunjan Saxena: Lucky to have Janhvi and Sharan narrate my story

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Janhvi Kapoor-starrer *Gunjan Saxena - The Kargil Girl* will premiere directly on Netflix. Directed by Sharan Sharma, the film is a biopic of Indian Air Force pilot Gunjan Saxena, who became one of the first female air combatants of India to enter a war zone during the 1999 Kargil War. On Tuesday, an announcement teaser of the film was launched featuring a montage of Gunjan's pictures with the voice-over of Janhvi. Soon after, the real Kargil Girl took to social media to share her feelings about the biopic.

"Very rarely have old memories flashed in front of me in such a sweet manner as was experienced after watching my montage with voice over of Janhvi," Gunjan Saxena wrote. "I guess it is the time for culmination of an enriching journey which started with Sharan Sharma three years back."

Anushka Sharma's Netflix horror film *Bulbbul* to release on June 24

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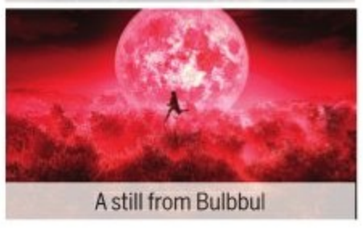
Anushka Sharma has shared the teaser of her upcoming Netflix production *Bulbbul*. Releasing on June 24, *Bulbbul* is a supernatural horror film set in Bengal. The film marks the directorial debut of lyricist and dialogue writer Anvita Dutt. Produced by Anushka's Clean Slate Filmz, *Bulbbul* stars Tripti Dimri and Avinash Tiwary in the lead roles. The supporting cast includes Rahul Bose, Parambrata Chattopadhyay, Paoli Dam and others.

The film is described as a period piece amidst 'age-old beliefs and superstitions'. The titular character, *Bulbbul,* is a child bride who is abandoned by her husband. When her brother-in-law, Satya, returns from England, he finds her leading a solitary life as the enigmatic lady-of-the-palace, dedicating herself to the welfare of the people. "But their ancestral village is plagued by mysterious deaths and stories of a haunting by a woman who lives in the trees," the film's synopsis stated.

Anushka Sharma


A still from Bulbbul

FRIENDSHIP AND THE ART OF SKATEBOARDING

Nithya Gnanapandithan

HOME THEATRE

A biweekly column that focuses on the notable content available on the wide variety of streaming platforms around you.

Going into *Betty* — streaming on Hotstar — all I knew about the series was that it is based on Crystal Moselle's 2018 film, Skate Kitchen, which in turn was a fictionalised story of the eponymous real-life group of female skateboarders in New York City. Now, I have not watched that movie, nor do I know much about skateboarding or the culture around it. Heck, I thought Betty was the name of one of the protagonists (it is actually a pejorative term for girls who hang out at skateparks, implying that they do so without actually knowing how to skate). But, my ignorance of the milieu did not detract from my enjoyment of this show. Not at all. As for the film, it turns out though the show features the same characters, it is essentially a reboot and there was no need to know anything about them from before.

Betty begins with two longtime friends — Kirt and Janay — trying to organise an all-girl skate session. Honeybear is the only one who turns up, though they also mistake Camille for a participant. Camille is actually there with her male skate friends and though she is maybe slightly curious, the ribbing of the guys she's with and their hardly concealed disdain of the 'Betties', make her feign indifference and walk away. The girls later meet Indigo, a weed pen-pusher, and Kirt teaches her how to skate. Betty revolves around these five girls and the actors playing them are all members of Skate Kitchen in real life. Thus, they already have chemistry and the show largely rides on their equation. It lends an authenticity to the series, which is heightened by the naturalistic filmmaking and dialogues.

Moselle, who has created and helmed all episodes of the series, keeps things light and realistic, giving Betty an almost documentary-like vibe. The abundant sequences of people simply skateboarding — or hanging out or dancing in the park — makes us feel like we are simply observing this subculture as it exists in real life. And even for someone who has no idea about skating, these shots are a delight to behold. Their fluidity and the sense of freedom they exude is especially joyous to behold in these times when a lot of us are stuck in quarantine or only venturing out with trepidation.

Betty does have a plot, even if it unfolds at a leisurely pace. The first couple of episodes can seem aimless and meandering with things only really getting going in about the third episode. Despite this, and the fact that the series only consists of six sub-30-minute episodes, Betty manages to give us satisfying character arcs for all the five girls. Camille goes from hanging around with the boys, who treat her with condescension despite her obvious skills, and trying desperately to impress one of them, to learning to cherish the open friendship of the girls. Indigo, we find, comes from an unexpected background. Her endearing camaraderie with her 'plug' Farok ("the only nice drug dealer you're ever gonna meet") is tested when she loses a supply of weed pens she was supposed to sell. Awkward and self-conscious Honeybear, who loves filming people with her camera that's always around her neck, starts a beautiful romance with a girl she sees at the skatepark but then almost screws it up.

Fiercely loyal Kirt has to learn the hard way that "helping the matriarchy" is just as important, if not more so, than fighting the patriarchy. She also gets a lesson in white privilege after she runs away from the scene of a fight (that she escalated) leaving the other (non-white) girls to get arrested. "Okay, I got away! I'm sorry I'm lucky!" she exclaims when they express their frustration over what happened. "No, you're white," shoots back Honeybear. Kirt still doesn't get it and needs a timeout (quite a hilarious one) before she makes it up with the others. Incidentally, given the current Black Lives Matter and Defund the Cops protests, it is quite poignant when Honeybear refuses to run away from the police — "I can't. You know what happens when we run from the cops," she says. The lines were obviously written and filmed before the killing of George Floyd led to the recent protests, but they only drive home again how this has been the lived-in reality of black people for a long time now.

Another serious issue Betty touches on is the MeToo movement. Janay deals with a sexual harassment accusation against her best friend and former boyfriend Donald. For a lighthearted, feel-good show, this subplot is treated with so much sensitivity and sensibility. Though Janay starts off blindly backing her friend and assuming the worst of his accuser, the way she finally handles the situation had me all but cheering out loud. And the way her girlfriends have her back but also gently push her to do the right thing is absolutely lovely.

That's the real delight of this show. The supportive, nurturing friendship of these young women. They hold each other up, have each other's backs, turn up with balloons (even if stolen ones) on birthdays, but also hold each other accountable and ensure they do the right thing. And watching them do so, warms our hearts. Betty left me with a smile on my face and hope in my heart. That's such a precious thing to have in these tumultuous times. I hope the girls of Skate Kitchen skate on and spread joy for a long time to come.